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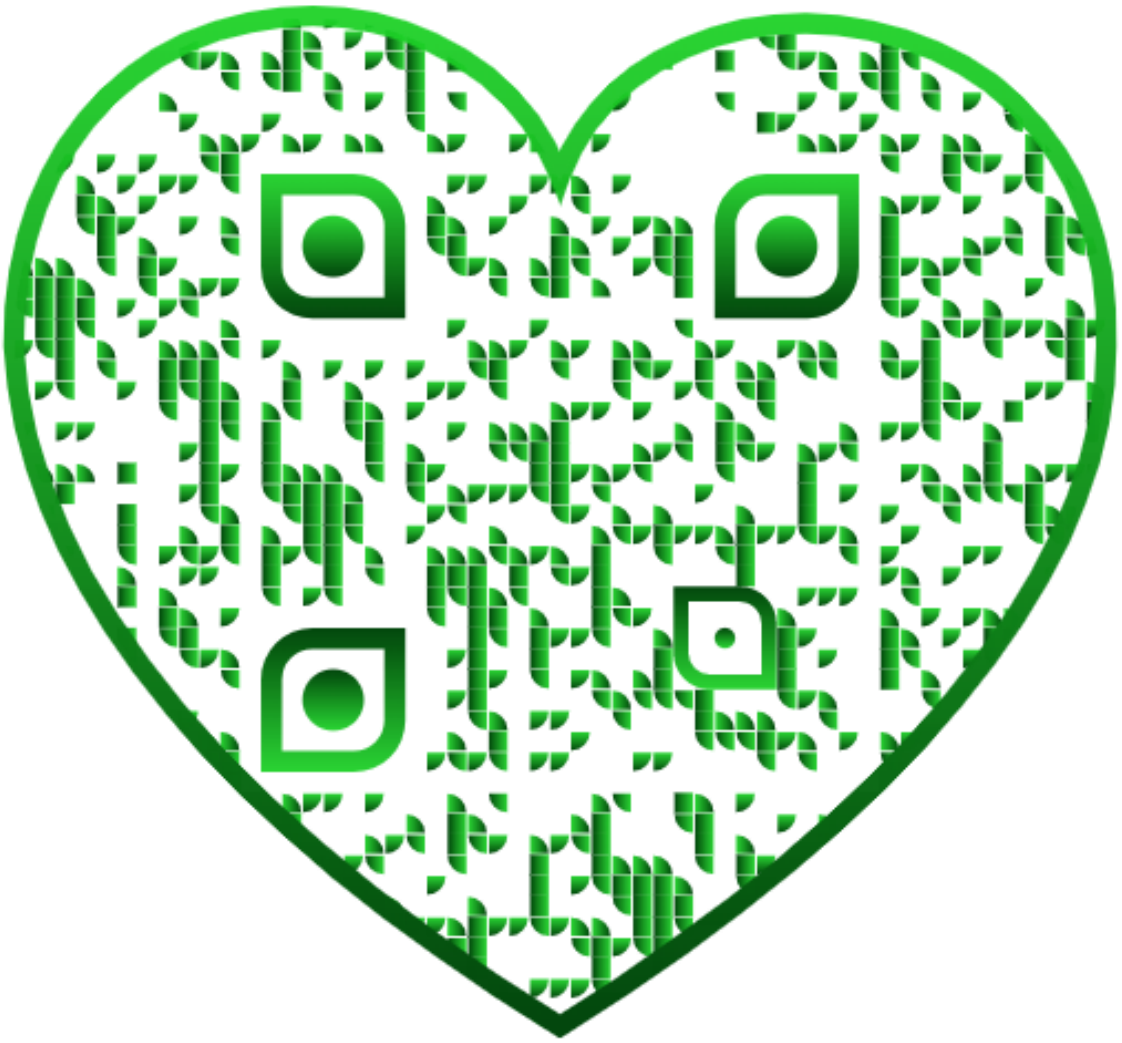

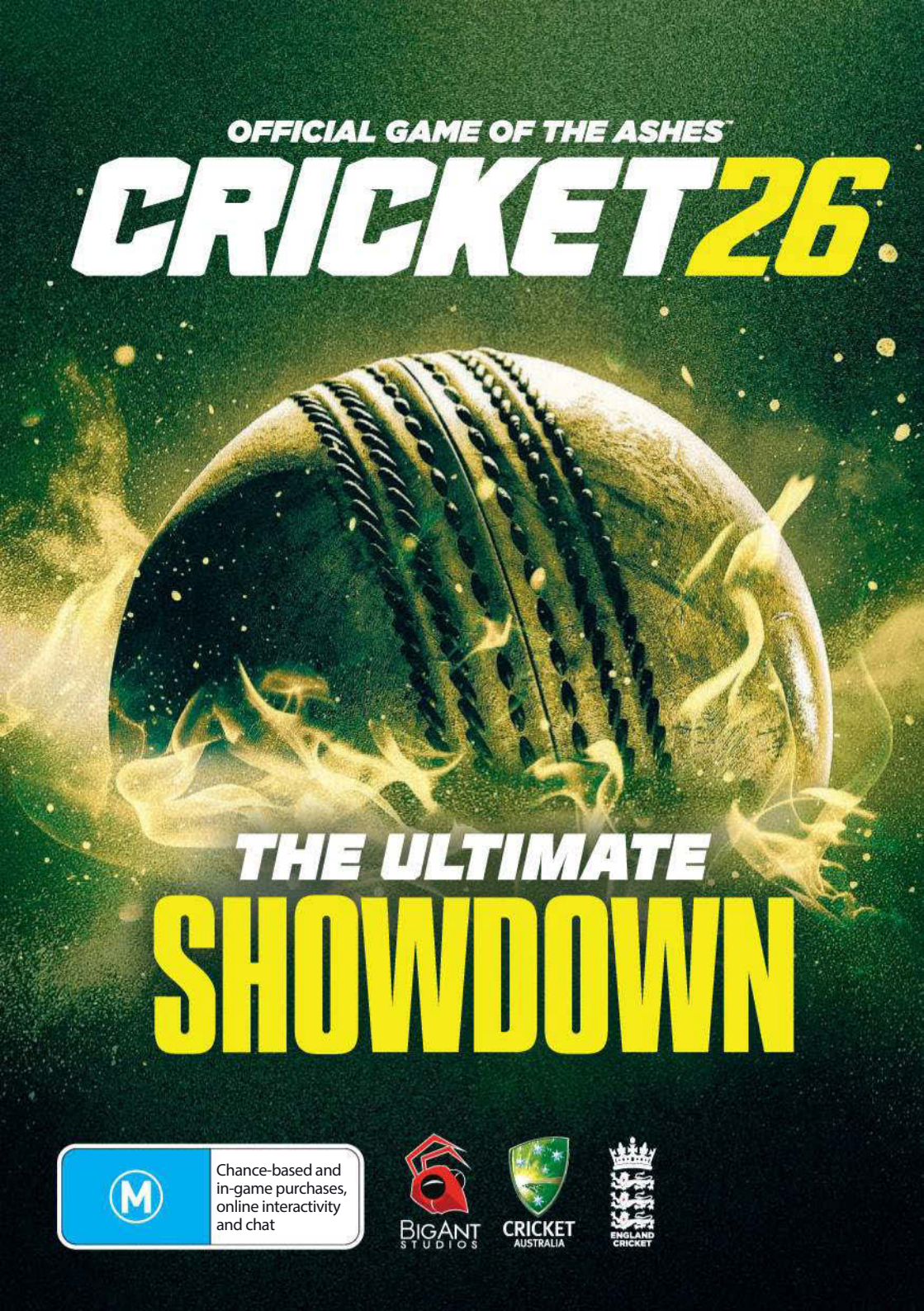
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WELCOME TO ABC CRICKET MAGAZINE

Join the Grandstand Cricket team on ABC Radio, ABC SPORT digital radio and the ABC listen app.

The Ashes is cricket's most nostalgic contest. We love the recurring, enduring passion. And the history that gives our national game memorable narratives and heroes like Trumper, Bradman, Lillee and Warne. And the men's success is sustained magnificently today by the greatest era in Australian women's cricket. We are blessed, enjoying their grace and skill; the deeds of Perry, Healy, Mooney, McGrath and now Sutherland and King are rapturous.

My recollections of Ashes moments are ripened by the bravado of Bob Barber scoring 185, of the late Bob Simpson's catching at slip, Brett Lee being consoled by Andrew Flintoff after the two-run loss at Edgbaston, of Bob Massie swinging England out at Lord's. It is a never-ending list. And it will continue this summer … maybe without Pat Cummins, nursing his back spasms.

My father watched the Bodyline series and reckoned Stan McCabe's 187 not out was extraordinary. Hooks, pulls and glances which threatened to unravel Jardine's leg theory strategy. It was a magnificent one-off attack, like some rage against the fright that overwhelmed the rest of Australia's series batting.

As a teenager getting sunburnt at the Sydney Cricket Ground or as a commentator rabbiting on from a privileged spot high in the stand, I was enthralled by the theatre, the crowd bubbling expectantly. The charm of a spectacle hastening slowly and often unpredictably is contagious. It is Cricket immortality.

So what can we expect this summer?

Local pundits worry about Australia's wobbly top order and a potentially weakened bowling quartet. An over-read? Who knows, but no surprise if Konstas keeps his place alongside twilight-time Khawaja, followed by a rejuvenated Labuschagne, Smith, the brilliantly capricious Head and a stronger Green.

Five Tests in seven weeks will challenge the resilience of bowling line-ups on both sides. England needs winning bursts from Archer and Wood, confident their batting will succeed around the base of Root, Brook and their charismatic captain Ben Stokes. If the pitches play similarly to last summer – bowler friendly – expect that the quality of slips catching will matter.

Test cricket is surging and Australia's large home grounds will be full. For dessert and snack time, the BBL formats can entertain. You will find your diet on the digital spectrum and when on the beach, on the harvester or chewing bitumen. It is YOUR ABC. Enjoy the conversations.

Best wishes.

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AUSTRALIA VS INDIA MEN'S ODI

GAME	DATE	GROUND
First ODI	Oct 19	Perth Stadium, WA (D/N)
Second ODI	Oct 23	Adelaide Oval, SA (D/N)
Third ODI	Oct 25	SCG, NSW (D/N)

AUSTRALIA VS INDIA MEN'S T20I

GAME	DATE	GROUND
First T20I	Oct 29	Manuka Oval, ACT (N)
Second T20I	Oct 31	MCG, VIC (N)
Third T20I	Nov 2	Bellerive Oval, TAS (N)
Fourth T20I	Nov 6	Gold Coast Stadium, QLD (N)
Fifth T20I	Nov 8	The Gabba, QLD (N)

AUSTRALIA VS ENGLAND MEN'S ASHES

GAME	DATE	GROUND
First Test	Nov 21-25	Perth Stadium, WA
Second Test	Dec 4-8	The Gabba, QLD (D/N)
Third Test	Dec 17-21	Adelaide Oval, SA
Fourth Test	Dec 26-30	MCG, VIC
Fifth Test	Jan 4-8	SCG, NSW

AUSTRALIA VS INDIA WOMEN'S T20I

GAME	DATE	GROUND
First T20I	Feb 15	SCG, NSW (N)
Second T20I	Feb 19	Manuka Oval, ACT (N)
Third T20I	Feb 21	Adelaide Oval, SA (N)

AUSTRALIA VS INDIA WOMEN'S ODI

GAME	DATE	GROUND
First ODI	Feb 24	Allan Border Field, QLD (D/N)
Second ODI	Feb 27	Bellerive Oval, TAS (D/N)
Third ODI	Mar 1	Junction Oval, VIC (D/N)

AUSTRALIA VS INDIA WOMEN'S TEST

GAME	DATE	GROUND
First Test	Mar 6-9	WACA Ground, WA (D/N)

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2025-26 SHEFFIELD SHIELD

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Oct 4-7	QLD	TAS	Allan Border Field, QLD
Oct 4-7	SA	VIC	Adelaide Oval, SA
Oct 4-7	WA	NSW	WACA Ground, WA
Oct 15-18	VIC	NSW	Junction Oval, VIC
Oct 15-18	TAS	WA	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Oct 15-18	SA	QLD	Adelaide Oval, SA
Oct 28-31	VIC	TAS	Junction Oval, VIC
Oct 28-31	QLD	NSW	The Gabba, QLD
Oct 28-31	WA	SA	WACA Ground, WA
Nov 10-13	NSW	VIC	SCG, NSW
Nov 10-13	TAS	SA	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Nov 11-14	WA	QLD	WACA Ground, WA
Nov 22-25	NSW	TAS	Cricket Central, NSW
Nov 22-25	QLD	VIC	The Gabba, QLD (D/N)
Nov 22-25	SA	WA	Adelaide Oval, SA
Dec 4-7	VIC	WA	MCG, VIC
Dec 5-8	NSW	QLD	SCG, NSW
Dec 5-8	SA	TAS	Adelaide Oval, SA
Feb 5-8	NSW	SA	SCG, NSW
Feb 5-8	VIC	QLD	MCG, VIC
Feb 5-8	WA	TAS	WACA Ground, WA
Feb 16-19	QLD	SA	The Gabba, QLD
Feb 16-19	WA	VIC	WACA Ground, WA (D/N)
Feb 16-19	TAS	NSW	Bellerive Oval, TAS (D/N)
Mar 5-8	TAS	VIC	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Mar 5-8	QLD	WA	TBC
Mar 5-8	SA	NSW	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Mar 14-17	NSW	WA	Cricket Central, NSW
Mar 14-17	VIC	SA	Junction Oval, VIC
Mar 14-17	TAS	QLD	Bellerive Oval, TAS

FINAL | MAR 26-29 | MATCH TBC

MEN'S ONE DAY CUP

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Sept 16	NSW	TAS	Cricket Central, NSW
Sept 17	QLD	VIC	Allan Border Field, QLD
Sept 19	VIC	TAS	Allan Border Field, QLD
Sept 20	NSW	SA	Cricket Central, NSW
Sept 21	QLD	WA	Allan Border Field, QLD
Sept 24	SA	WA	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Oct 9	SA	VIC	Adelaide Oval, SA
Oct 9	QLD	TAS	Allan Border Field, QLD
Oct 9	WA	NSW	WACA Ground, WA
Oct 20	VIC	NSW	Junction Oval, VIC
Oct 20	TAS	WA	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Oct 20	SA	QLD	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Nov 3	NSW	QLD	Cricket Central, NSW
Nov 15	TAS	SA	Kingston Twin Ovals, TAS
Dec 2	VIC	WA	Junction Oval, VIC
Feb 3	VIC	QLD	MCG, VIC
Feb 10	NSW	SA	Cricket Central, NSW
Feb 10	WA	TAS	WACA Ground, WA
Feb 21	QLD	SA	The Gabba, QLD
Feb 21	TAS	NSW	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Feb 21	WA	VIC	WACA Ground, WA

FINAL | FEB 28 | MATCH TBC

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CRICKET LEAGUE

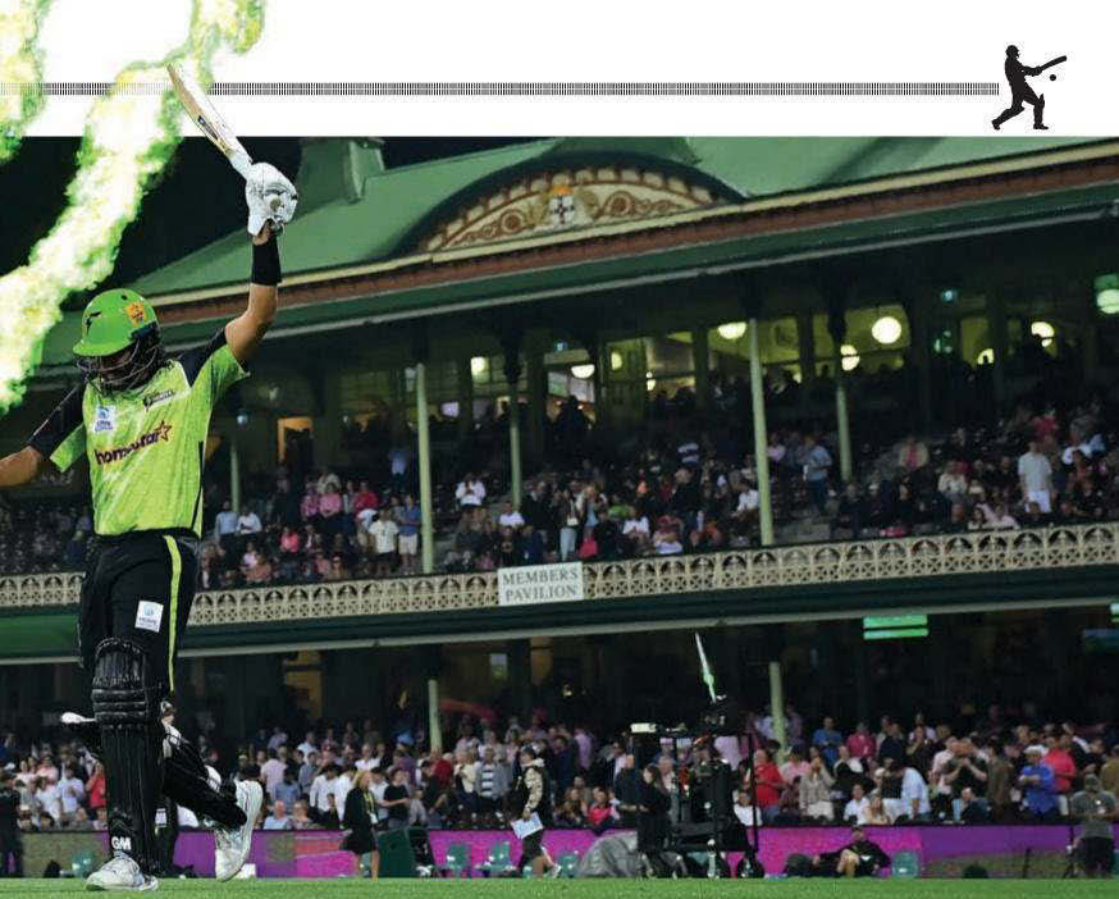
DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Sep 24	Western Australia	Queensland Fire	WACA Ground
Sep 26	Victoria	NSW	Junction Oval, VIC
Sep 26	South Australia	Tasmanian Tigers	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Sep 26	Western Australia	Queensland Fire	WACA Ground, WA
Sep 28	Victoria	NSW	Junction Oval, VIC
Sep 28	South Australia	Tasmanian Tigers	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Oct 8	Victoria	Tasmanian Tigers	Junction Oval, VIC
Oct 9	NSW	Western Australia	Cricket Central, NSW
Oct 10	Victoria	Tasmanian Tigers	Junction Oval, VIC
Oct 11	NSW	Western Australia	Cricket Central, NSW
Oct 12	Queensland Fire	ACT Meteors	Allan Border Field, QLD
Oct 14	Queensland Fire	ACT Meteors	Allan Border Field, QLD
Jan 4	Tasmanian Tigers	Queensland Fire	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Jan 6	ACT Meteors	Victoria	Phillip Oval, ACT
Jan 6	Tasmanian Tigers	Queensland Fire	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Jan 8	ACT Meteors	Victoria	Phillip Oval, ACT
Jan 8	Western Australia	South Australia	WACA Ground, WA
Jan 10	Western Australia	South Australia	WACA Ground, WA
Jan 20	ACT Meteors	NSW	Phillip Oval, ACT
Jan 20	Queensland Fire	South Australia	Allan Border Field, QLD
Jan 22	ACT Meteors	NSW	Phillip Oval, ACT
Jan 22	Queensland Fire	South Australia	Allan Border Field, QLD
Jan 28	Tasmanian Tigers	Western Australia	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Jan 30	Tasmanian Tigers	Western Australia	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Feb 3	NSW	Queensland Fire	Cricket Central, NSW
Feb 3	South Australia	Victoria	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Feb 4	Tasmanian Tigers	ACT Meteors	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Feb 5	NSW	Queensland Fire	Cricket Central, NSW
Feb 5	South Australia	Victoria	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Feb 6	Tasmanian Tigers	ACT Meteors	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Feb 16	Victoria	Western Australia	Ringwood, VIC
Feb 18	Victoria	Western Australia	Ringwood, VIC
Feb 21	NSW	Tasmanian Tigers	Cricket Central, NSW
Feb 22	ACT Meteors	South Australia	Phillip Oval, ACT
Feb 23	NSW	Tasmanian Tigers	Cricket Central, NSW
Feb 24	ACT Meteors	South Australia	Phillip Oval, ACT
Mar 12	Queensland Fire	Victoria	Allan Border Field, QLD
Mar 12	South Australia	NSW	Adelaide Oval, SA
Mar 13	Western Australia	ACT Meteors	WACA Ground, WA
Mar 14	Queensland Fire	Victoria	Allan Border Field, QLD
Mar 14	South Australia	NSW	Adelaide Oval, SA
Mar 15	Western Australia	ACT Meteors	WACA Ground, WA

FINAL | MAR 21 | MATCH TBC

MEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE BBL|15

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Dec 14	Perth Scorchers	Sydney Sixers	Perth Stadium, WA
Dec 15	Melbourne Renegades	Brisbane Heat	Kardinia Park, VIC
Dec 16	Hobart Hurricanes	Sydney Thunder	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Dec 17	Sydney Sixers	Adelaide Strikers	Sydney Cricket Ground, NSW
Dec 18	Melbourne Stars	Hobart Hurricanes	Melbourne Cricket Ground, VIC
Dec 19	Brisbane Heat	Perth Scorchers	The Gabba, QLD
Dec 20	Sydney Thunder	Sydney Sixers	Sydney Showground, NSW
Dec 21	Melbourne Renegades	Hobart Hurricanes	Kardinia Park, VIC
Dec 22	Sydney Thunder	Brisbane Heat	Manuka Oval, ACT
Dec 23	Adelaide Strikers	Melbourne Stars	Adelaide Oval, SA

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Dec 26	Sydney Sixers	Melbourne Stars	Sydney Cricket Ground, NSW
Dec 26	Perth Scorchers	Hobart Hurricanes	Perth Stadium, WA
Dec 27	Brisbane Heat	Adelaide Strikers	The Gabba, QLD
Dec 28	Melbourne Stars	Sydney Thunder	Manuka Oval, ACT
Dec 29	Hobart Hurricanes	Melbourne Renegades	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Dec 30	Sydney Thunder	Perth Scorchers	Sydney Showground, NSW
Dec 31	Adelaide Strikers	Brisbane Heat	Adelaide Oval, SA
Jan 1	Melbourne Renegades	Sydney Sixers	Docklands Stadium, VIC
Jan 1	Hobart Hurricanes	Perth Scorchers	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Jan 2	Brisbane Heat	Melbourne Stars	The Gabba, QLD



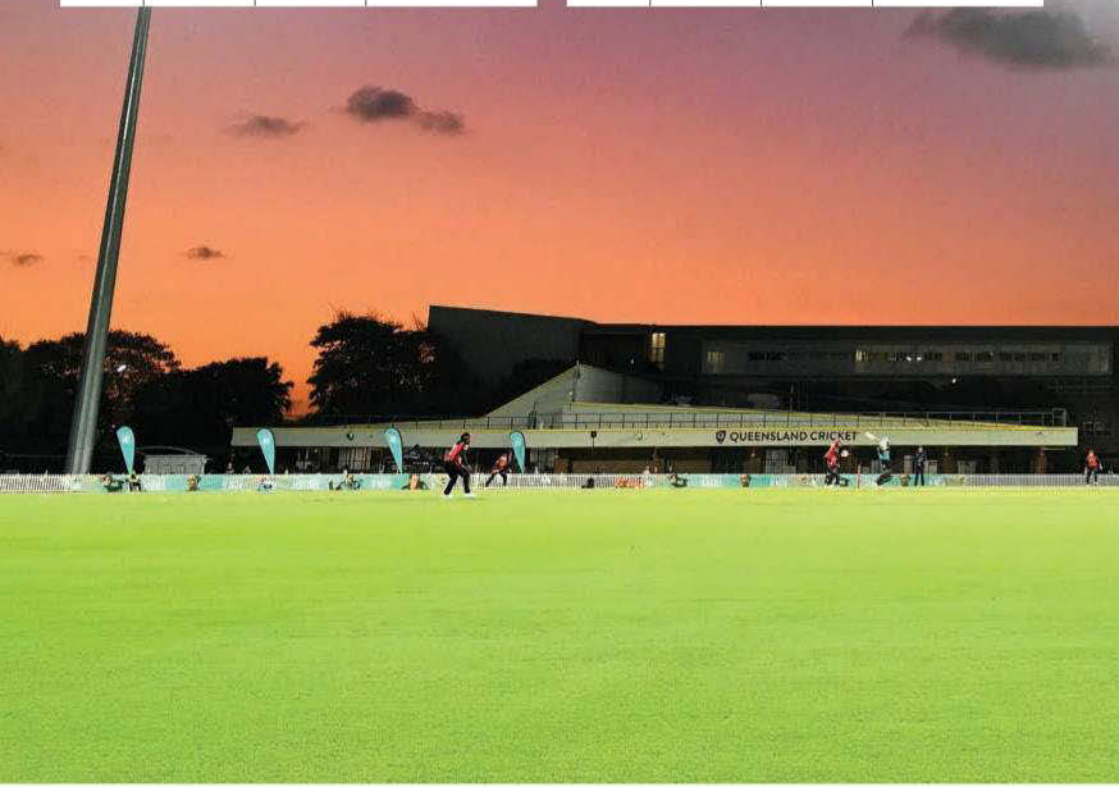
DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Jan 3	Sydney Thunder	Hobart Hurricanes	Sydney Showground, NSW
Jan 4	Melbourne Stars	Melbourne Renegades	Melbourne Cricket Ground, VIC
Jan 4	Perth Scorchers	Adelaide Strikers	Perth Stadium, WA
Jan 5	Sydney Sixers	Brisbane Heat	Coffs Harbour, NSW
Jan 6	Adelaide Strikers	Sydney Thunder	Adelaide Oval, SA
Jan 7	Perth Scorchers	Melbourne Renegades	Perth Stadium, WA
Jan 8	Melbourne Stars	Sydney Sixers	Melbourne Cricket Ground, VIC
Jan 9	Hobart Hurricanes	Adelaide Strikers	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Jan 10	Brisbane Heat	Sydney Thunder	The Gabba, QLD
Jan 10	Melbourne Renegades	Melbourne Stars	Docklands Stadium, VIC

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Jan 11	Sydney Sixers	Hobart Hurricanes	Sydney Cricket Ground, NSW
Jan 11	Adelaide Strikers	Perth Scorchers	Adelaide Oval, SA
Jan 12	Sydney Thunder	Melbourne Renegades	Sydney Showground, NSW
Jan 13	Melbourne Stars	Adelaide Strikers	Melbourne Cricket Ground, VIC
Jan 14	Hobart Hurricanes	Brisbane Heat	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Jan 15	Melbourne Renegades	Perth Scorchers	Docklands Stadium, VIC
Jan 16	Sydney Sixers	Sydney Thunder	Sydney Cricket Ground, NSW
Jan 17	Adelaide Strikers	Melbourne Renegades	Adelaide Oval, SA
Jan 17	Perth Scorchers	Melbourne Stars	Perth Stadium, WA
Jan 18	Brisbane Heat	Sydney Sixers	The Gabba, QLD
FINALS	**JAN 20, 21, 23, 25**		

WOMEN'S BIG BASH LEAGUE WBBL|11

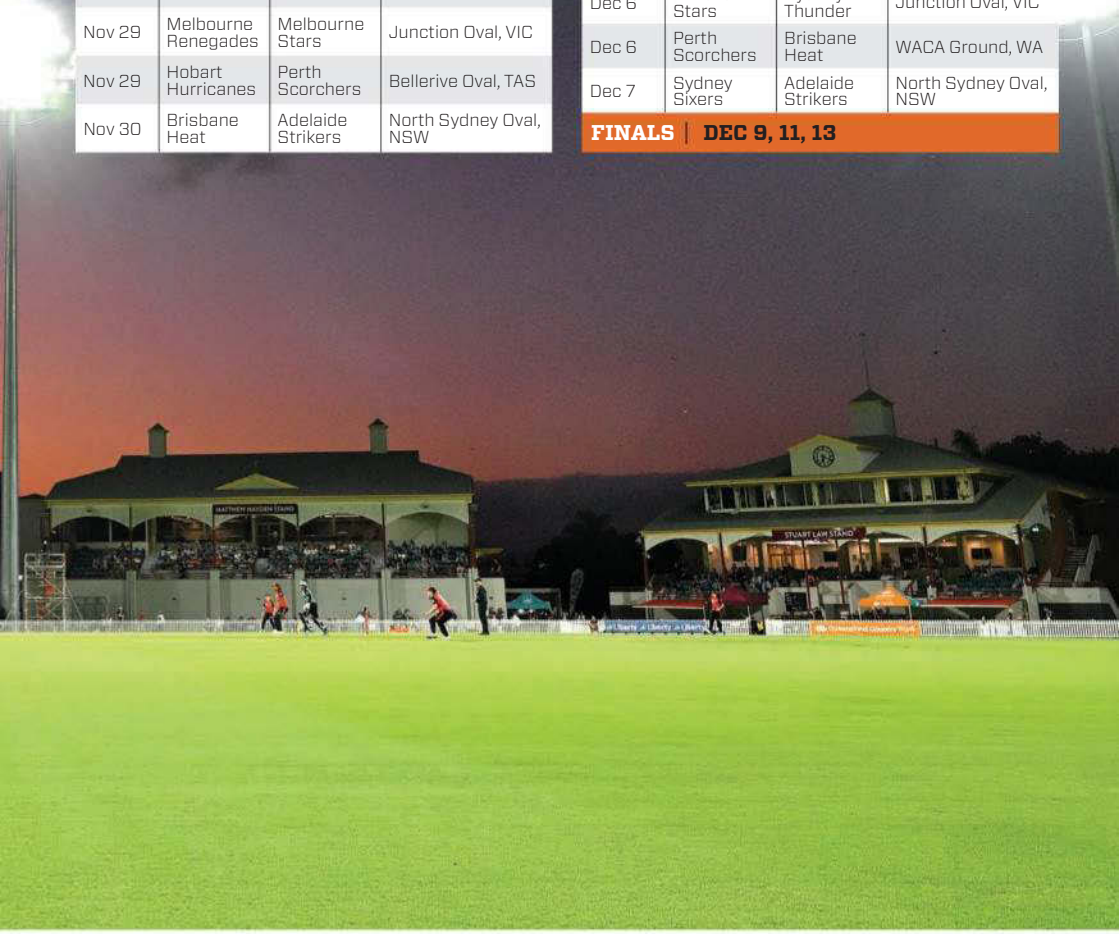
DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Nov 9	Brisbane Heat	Melbourne Renegades	Allan Border Field, QLD
Nov 9	Sydney Thunder	Hobart Hurricanes	Allan Border Field, QLD
Nov 9	Perth Scorchers	Sydney Sixers	WACA Ground, WA
Nov 10	Melbourne Stars	Adelaide Strikers	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 11	Melbourne Renegades	Sydney Thunder	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 12	Brisbane Heat	Perth Scorchers	Allan Border Field, QLD
Nov 13	Sydney Sixers	Hobart Hurricanes	North Sydney Oval, NSW
Nov 14	Perth Scorchers	Melbourne Stars	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Nov 14	Adelaide Strikers	Melbourne Renegades	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Nov 15	Hobart Hurricanes	Brisbane Heat	Drummoyne Oval, NSW

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Nov 15	Sydney Thunder	Sydney Sixers	Drummoyne Oval, NSW
Nov 16	Adelaide Strikers	Perth Scorchers	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 16	Melbourne Stars	Melbourne Renegades	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 18	Hobart Hurricanes	Adelaide Strikers	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Nov 19	Sydney Thunder	Perth Scorchers	Drummoyne Oval, NSW
Nov 20	Melbourne Renegades	Hobart Hurricanes	North Sydney Oval, NSW
Nov 20	Sydney Sixers	Melbourne Stars	North Sydney Oval, NSW
Nov 21	Brisbane Heat	Sydney Thunder	Allan Border Field, QLD
Nov 22	Hobart Hurricanes	Sydney Sixers	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Nov 22	Perth Scorchers	Adelaide Strikers	WACA Ground, WA



DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Nov 23	Sydney Thunder	Melbourne Renegades	Drummoyne Oval, NSW
Nov 23	Brisbane Heat	Melbourne Stars	Allan Border Field, QLD
Nov 25	Adelaide Strikers	Brisbane Heat	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Nov 26	Melbourne Stars	Hobart Hurricanes	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 27	Melbourne Renegades	Perth Scorchers	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 28	Sydney Sixers	Brisbane Heat	Adelaide Oval, SA
Nov 28	Adelaide Strikers	Sydney Thunder	Adelaide Oval, SA
Nov 29	Melbourne Renegades	Melbourne Stars	Junction Oval, VIC
Nov 29	Hobart Hurricanes	Perth Scorchers	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Nov 30	Brisbane Heat	Adelaide Strikers	North Sydney Oval, NSW

DATE	HOME	AWAY	GROUND
Nov 30	Sydney Sixers	Sydney Thunder	North Sydney Oval, NSW
Dec 1	Hobart Hurricanes	Melbourne Stars	Bellerive Oval, TAS
Dec 2	Perth Scorchers	Melbourne Renegades	WACA Ground, WA
Dec 3	Melbourne Stars	Sydney Sixers	Drummoyne Oval, NSW
Dec 3	Sydney Thunder	Brisbane Heat	Drummoyne Oval, NSW
Dec 5	Melbourne Renegades	Sydney Sixers	Junction Oval, VIC
Dec 5	Adelaide Strikers	Hobart Hurricanes	Karen Rolton Oval, SA
Dec 6	Melbourne Stars	Sydney Thunder	Junction Oval, VIC
Dec 6	Perth Scorchers	Brisbane Heat	WACA Ground, WA
Dec 7	Sydney Sixers	Adelaide Strikers	North Sydney Oval, NSW
FINALS | **DEC 9, 11, 13**			



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The trusted voices who bring the game to life, plus the experts who break it all down.

JIM MAXWELL

The Voice of Summer, Maxwell is in his 53rd year on air calling cricket with the ABC. Having covered more than 350 Test matches over his career, Jim has been at the helm of ABC Cricket magazine for 37 years and has been behind the microphone during some of the most iconic moments in cricket.

CORBIN MIDDLEMAS

Heard on the ABC across AFL, cricket, Summer Grandstand and more, Corbin is one of the ABC's senior sports broadcasters and host of the Grandstand Cricket Podcast.

ALISON MITCHELL

Among the most authoritative voices in the game today, Mitchell has commentated all over the world on radio and TV, including for ABC SPORT and BBC's Test Match Special.

DARREN LEHMANN

A recent recruit to the cricket commentary team, "Boof" is a legend of Australian cricket and brings his extensive experience as a player and coach of the Australian team.

JASON GILLESPIE

Former fast bowler "Dizzy" has a first-hand perspective from all three formats. Having coached at the elite level both here and abroad, we'll also hear Dizzy's take on being a famous nightwatchman in this commentary team.

STUART CLARK

Stuart Clark took 94 wickets in 24 Test matches and was a pivotal fast bowling force in Ashes matches from 2006 to 2009. After key administrative roles in cricket, rugby league and softball, he has become a regular cricket commentator on radio as well as television.

GLENN McGRATH

Widely considered as Australian cricket royalty, a member of the International Cricket Council's prestigious Hall of Fame and one of the world's greatest-ever fast bowlers, Glenn McGrath once again brings his specialised knowledge of the game, vast experience and his trademark wit to the ABC's summer of cricket.

JONATHAN AGNEW

Before embarking on a broadcasting career, Jonathan Agnew made three Test appearances for England as a fast bowler and enjoyed a lengthy county career with Leicestershire. For over 30 years, "Aggers" has become a central figure in cricket commentary, often heard on ABC SPORT and BBC's Test Match Special.

PHIL TUFNELL

Renowned tea-lover and lunchtime nap-taker, ABC audiences will be treated to the former England spinner's cheeky take on this summer's Ashes clash. "Tuffers" played in five Ashes series, including a 7-for at The Oval, and has been calling cricket since retiring in 2002.

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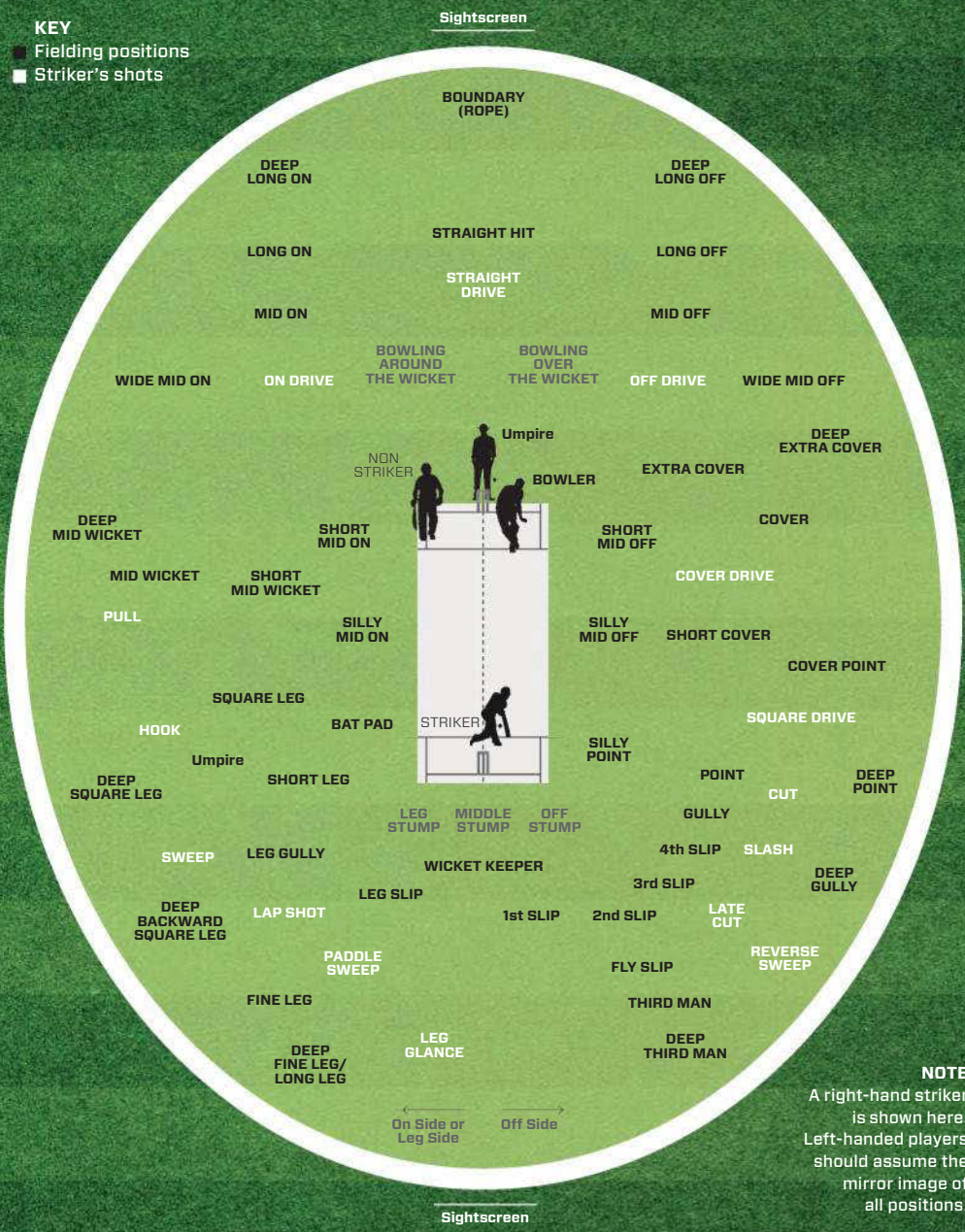

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PLAYING THE FIELD

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PAT'S McGILVRAY MEDAL MAGIC

Australian captain Pat Cummins enjoyed yet another stellar year at the helm of the national side in 2024, earning his third Alan McGilvray Medal as ABC's Cricketer of the Year, writes **Callum Hill**.

Over the calendar year, Pat Cummins was a constant standout in the longest format, spearheading Australia's attack and leading his side to crucial series wins over the West Indies, New Zealand and claiming back the all-important Border-Gavaskar Trophy over the home summer for the first time in a decade.

He was his side's top wicket-taker, collecting 37 victims at 24.02 including a 5/57 haul against India at the Adelaide Oval, where the home side romped to a 10-wicket win.

An underrated part of Cummins' game has always been his batting, often tasked with delivering some crisis management at No.8 or 9.

A prime example of the skipper standing up when his side needed him most was in the Boxing Day clash against India. Cummins twice contributed handy knocks to get his side out of trouble in the year's biggest Test.

His work with the stick gave the contest its defining edge. In the first innings, Cummins walked out with Australia already on top and peeled off a measured 49 from 63 balls, a knock which ensured India was forced to chase the game from the outset.

When the match tightened in the second dig, he did it again – 41 more hard-earned and vital runs, stretching the lead beyond India's reach and wearing down a world-class attack in the process. From a man usually defined by his pace and control with the ball, those contributions spoke volumes about Cummins' broader value to the side.

Pat Cummins during his 5/57 haul in Adelaide against India.

He also collected three wickets in both innings with the ball, including India's most impressive batsman, Yashasvi Jaiswal, in the second innings for 84, completely shattering any glimmer of hope India had at salvaging a result out of the Test.

By stumps on day four, he had captained Australia to a resounding win and rightly pocketed the Player of the Match honours.

Alongside his third McGilvray medal, Cummins was the lone Australian included in the ICC's Test Team of the year, as captain, backing up his 2023 showing, where he was also the ICC Player of the Year.

FEATURES

Captain Pat Cummins lifts The Urn after Australia retains the Ashes at The Oval, London in July 2023. (Photo by Alex Davidson/Getty Images)

FALLEN AND FORGIVEN

Two flawed geniuses. Two cricketing titans. As Steve Smith and Ben Stokes face one final Ashes showdown on Australian soil, the very outcome of the upcoming series could significantly shape how both are remembered, writes ABC SPORT's **Quentin Hull.**

DISGRACED. Redeemed. Villian. Hero. Pick your adjectives for Steve Smith and Ben Stokes. It is a choice which may depend on your side of the Ashes divide. Undoubtedly though, they are descriptors which have evolved, depending on the timeline of two extraordinary careers.

With the latest battle for The Urn upon us, so dawns the realisation we are likely witnessing the final occasion where this iconic pair will spearhead an Ashes assault on Australian soil. The Melbourne Cricket Ground will host an Australia vs England 150th anniversary Test in 2027, but it's a stand-alone fixture which won't carry the gravitas of this summer's five-pronged battle.

For one last time in the antipodes in an Ashes series, this summer's heavyweight re-match pits Stokes the talisman of the blue corner and Smith shouldering expectation in the green corner.

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"kid of a Kiwi league player" who first graced Test cricket as a tattooed talent during the 5-0 rout of 2013-14. It is pertinent to remember he was absent next time around, suspended by his board in the wake of a fight outside a Bristol nightclub in September 2017. It took almost a year before the courts would clear Stokes of the criminal charge of affray, a time during which England's tourists of 2017-18 were handsomely flogged in Australia by a team captained by none other than Smith.

That 4-0 hiding would become the last time the quirky run machine completed a series as the full-time Australian Test skipper. Merely months after becoming an Ashes-winning captain, the ball-tampering affair of Cape Town in March 2018 propelled Smith's life, and Australian cricket, into turmoil.

Sacked as captain and suspended from international cricket for a year, the future was full of question marks for Australia's most prolific run scorer since the incomparable Sir Donald Bradman.

Coincidentally, there was a time in 2018 when Stokes and Smith had both sunk into the darkest corners of their storied careers, yet their rise in the England summer of 2019 is the stuff of legend.

Stokes has played five Ashes series and Smith eight. On numbers alone, 2019 stands as the high watermark for an Ashes series batting average for both. The cricket of that summer wasn't merely about numbers, however, for a pair with a point to prove. It oozed grit and greatness.

In his first Test after exile, Smith incredibly made 144 and 142 in the tone-setting opening match at Edgbaston. He was felled at Lord's – still scored 92 before being ruled out of the remainder of the match and subsequent third Test due to concussion – and returned in Manchester with a first innings double ton which ensured the Ashes stayed in Australia's hands. It is a run-scoring collective which rightly stands in the very top drawer of the greatest batting performances in the history of Australian cricket.

All the while Stokes, fresh from a title-winning knock which helped deliver England its first-ever 50-over World Cup earlier in the season, single-handedly pushed the Test series deeper than it might have gone. A breath-taking 135 not out at Leeds, scoring all bar one of the required 73 runs for the final wicket in partnership with the bespectacled bunny Jack Leach, levelled the series when Australia was within reach of locking up The Urn in just the Third Test.

The unforgettable 2019 series is a headline in two careers which already have their places in Test history. However, the absorbing novel of their journey through the game still has important

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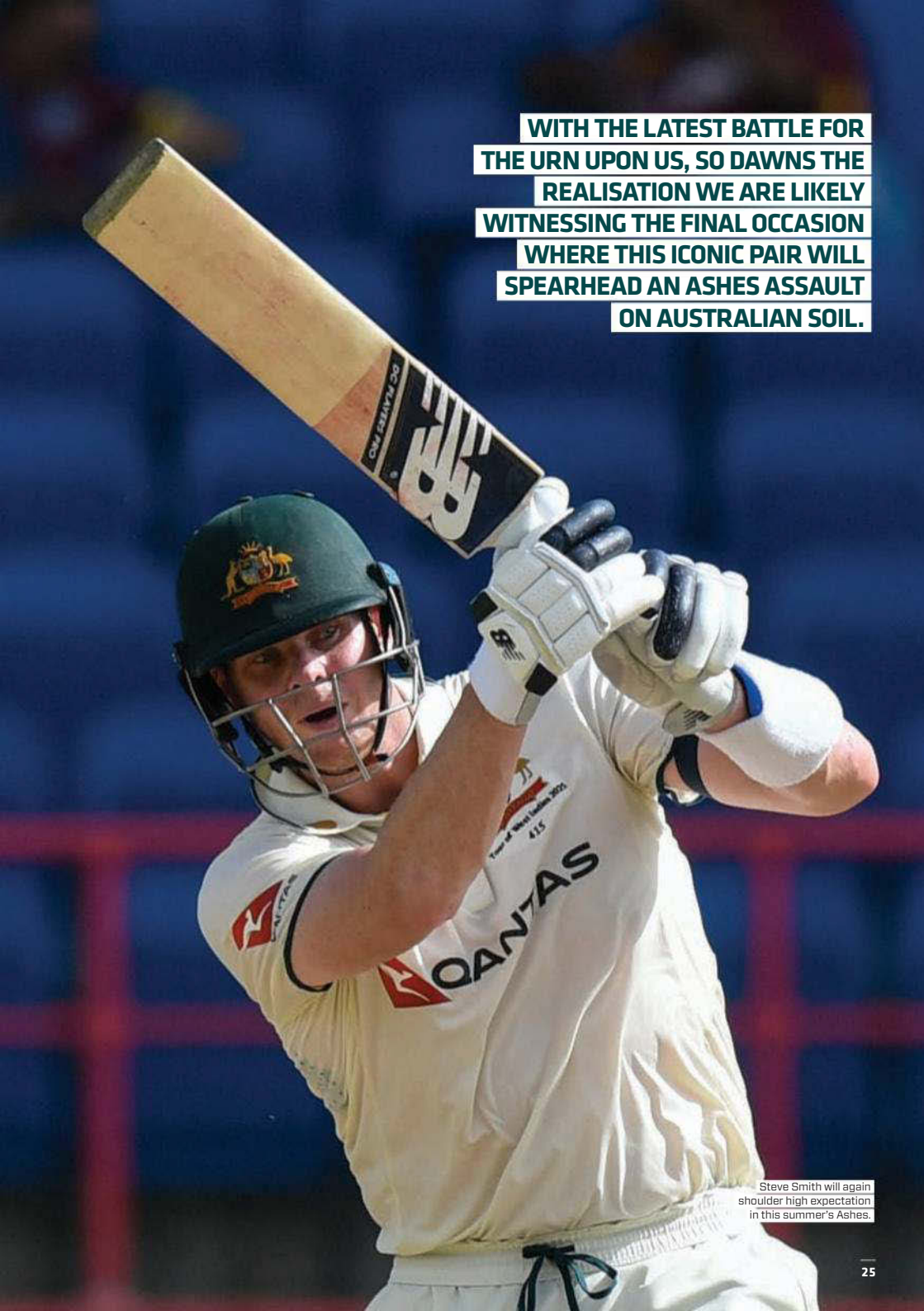

Steve Smith will again shoulder high expectation in this summer's Ashes.

Steve Smith faces the music in front of the world over "Sandpapergate".

chapters to write, which brings us to this summer. In the dwindling hours of two glittering resumes, the 2025-26 series looms as telling, particularly for Stokes.

Legacy is, arguably, the greatest currency in assessing sporting teams and individuals, and this is the opportunity presented to the 34-year-old touring captain this summer.

England has not re-claimed the Ashes on Australian soil in more than half a century. To be precise, it would stretch to 55 years should this summer's series be decided in favour of the visitors in the final Test in Sydney.

While Mike Brearley's team thrashed a World Series-ravaged Australia in the late '70s and Mike Gatting's group was too good for Allan Border's mid-80s battlers, these English teams came to Australia as holders of the Ashes. So too was the case for the Andrew Strauss-led tourists of 2010-11, who were superb against an Australian team which was inconsistent in the wake of the relatively recent retirement of a handful of champions.

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Horror headlines for Stokes were being written amid terrible on-field times for England as well.

However, England has not re-claimed The Ashes in Australia since Ray Illingworth's fearsome quicks and stubborn batsmen triumphed in the attritional series of 1970-71.

Illingworth had John Snow and Geoff Boycott. Stokes has "Bazball".

It is a dogma which has seemingly consumed everything the England Test side has done since the appointment of Brendon McCullum as coach in 2022. With aggressive batting at its core, spawned by scoring tactics honed in white-ball cricket, England has won 24 of its 40 Tests under the regime of the former Kiwi captain. There have also only been two Bazball-era draws, which forms part of the broader narrative that this England Test team is providing the panacea for red-ball cricket at a time when it is under constant threat from shorter formats.

A Stokes-led Ashes win in Australia would be one thing. Doing it while playing a style as the self-confessed saviours of Test cricket would add a whole new level.

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Edgbaston, 2019 ... Smith's finest Ashes hour.

It all drips in the context of legacy.

As romantic as the notion may be for England fans, it would require an abrupt change of form. England has not won a single Test in Australia since the 2010-11 series, losing 16 matches since Strauss. In the six series here this millennium, the scoreline reads Aussies 24 wins, Poms four wins, with two draws.

So back to Smith, who is entering the twilight of a career with a reputation which has slowly been mended since it was shredded during Sandpapergate.

While the 36-year-old's run-scoring remains prolific, if not to the gluttonous levels of earlier in his career, it's his return to a position of leadership and respect which will be inextricably imbedded to the story of his later years.

Smith has captained Australia in six Tests since South Africa 2018, and perhaps most notably, was appointed tour skipper for the successful two-Test sojourn to Sri Lanka earlier this year, with Pat Cummins absent due to parental leave and injury.

Completing the redemption journey with a Bazball-inspired Ashes win would be everything for Stokes.

Cummins has been incredibly durable during his time as captain, but as a 32-year-old fast bowler with pre-series back issues, it's far from folly to suggest Smith may once again be called upon to lead Australia in the Ashes.

All the while, Smith will have a huge role to play with the bat, amid a line-up which has largely been unsettled and has under-performed of late.

With no disrespect to Travis Head, whose renaissance spawned when England was last on our shores, there is a strong argument to suggest the fidgeting maestro remains the tourists' most prized wicket.

True greatness can seem as enduring as it does fleeting. Of all who will take to the field in the Ashes this summer, few will be revered and remembered like Ben Stokes and Steve Smith. As fans, our days of enjoying their brilliance are running out.

For two champions who have already achieved so much, the summer ahead is a tantalising opportunity to claim an even higher station in the annals of cricketing immortality. ●

FOUR HORSEMEN

... of the apocalypse, if you're an opposition player or fan. To local cricket disciples, Australia's killer quartet of bowling veterans is growing in statue every summer, writes **Peter Lalor**.

Buses come in threes, good things in twos, but the Australian bowling attack – an entity which will be referred to here for the purposes of these proceedings as Cummins & Co – is a quartet.

If you are an opposition batter, they're the Four Horsemen of the Australian Apocalypse, relentlessly and grimly banging on the door, demanding your eviction. The minute breakfast's done, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood are

Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins with the Ashes trophy at the SCG in 2018.

Pat Cummins, 2011

Pat Cummins, 2025

on the porch, coming at you from this way and that like a pair of malevolent Mormons. Should one falter, enter Pat Cummins, bright-eyed and evangelical.

Nathan Lyon is rarely roused before lunch, but cricket's Cliff Young is never in a hurry. His is a long game.

If you're a fan, they're the Fab Four. Wherever you stand on this, they have proven themselves a force to be reckoned with. No Test team to this point in the history of cricket has had the luxury of fielding four bowlers who all have 250 or more Test wickets each.

The other extraordinary thing about this group? They are kinda humble with it. They don't spit and snarl, they don't belittle or boast. Sure, they have their moments, but this quartet of quietly spoken New South Welshmen has found its own way and gets the job done with as little fuss as possible.

Cummins is the pin-up boy, the matinee idol; Lyon, Starc and Hazlewood are happier to fly under the radar. They all do their bit, they all celebrate each other's achievements and while there's times when they can't hide the fact they feel the top order could give them a bit more to work with, they roll up their sleeves and attend to the necessary.

And then there's their batting, which ain't too shabby, either.

It is one thing to live through this era, but it will be quite another to reflect on it. They have crept up on us, these bowlers, formed slowly on the horizon and then settled in for so many journeys around the sun that Australians have taken their presence on the first morning of the summer as a given.

They have been turning out for their country for almost 15 years; teamed up for over 1500 Test wickets across almost 400 combined matches.

There are teenage cricket fans who've known nothing else and who will talk of

Nathan Lyon, 2011

Nathan Lyon, 2025

this era for half a century to come.

Think how, a half-century later, we still talk with awe about the Dennis Lillee-Jeff Thomson twinning, or reflect so warmly on the times when Glenn McGrath, Shane Warne, Brett Lee and Jason Gillespie formed the rhythm section of that golden era, and know that in the decades that follow, that this period will be cherished.

That quartet from the Waugh-Ponting sides played 16 Tests together. Cummins & Co has played 32. By way of international comparison, Andy Roberts, Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Colin Croft assembled in the same side for 11 Tests, but only lost one of those.

Pity Scott Boland – the fifth Beatle, the understudy who took 6-9 on debut and a hat-trick in his last match, but has found himself running drinks more often than not. In any other era, or for any other country, you'd imagine the Victorian would lead the attack.

The spinner came first. In 2011, an almost-timid groundskeeper called Nathan Lyon became one of the multitude of slow bowlers called on for the most impossible of tasks: filling the hole where Shane Warne used to be.

Skinny and a little more hirsute then, Lyon teased with a five-wicket haul on debut at Galle in September 2011. Better still, the first ball he bowled at this level kissed the outside edge of Kumar Sangakkara's bat, before landing in Michael Clarke's reaching hand at first slip.

Lyon's progression from that first Test and first wicket to this moment, where he has taken over 550 scalps and played in over 130 Tests, wasn't smooth or linear; it's been hard graft for the quietly spoken, but fiercely determined spinner.

Cummins, meanwhile, had just finished school, and while he appeared to be in the squad for the 2011 tour of South Africa as some form of work experience, when Ryan Harris broke down, he was chosen over

Josh Hazlewood, 2014

Josh Hazlewood, 2025

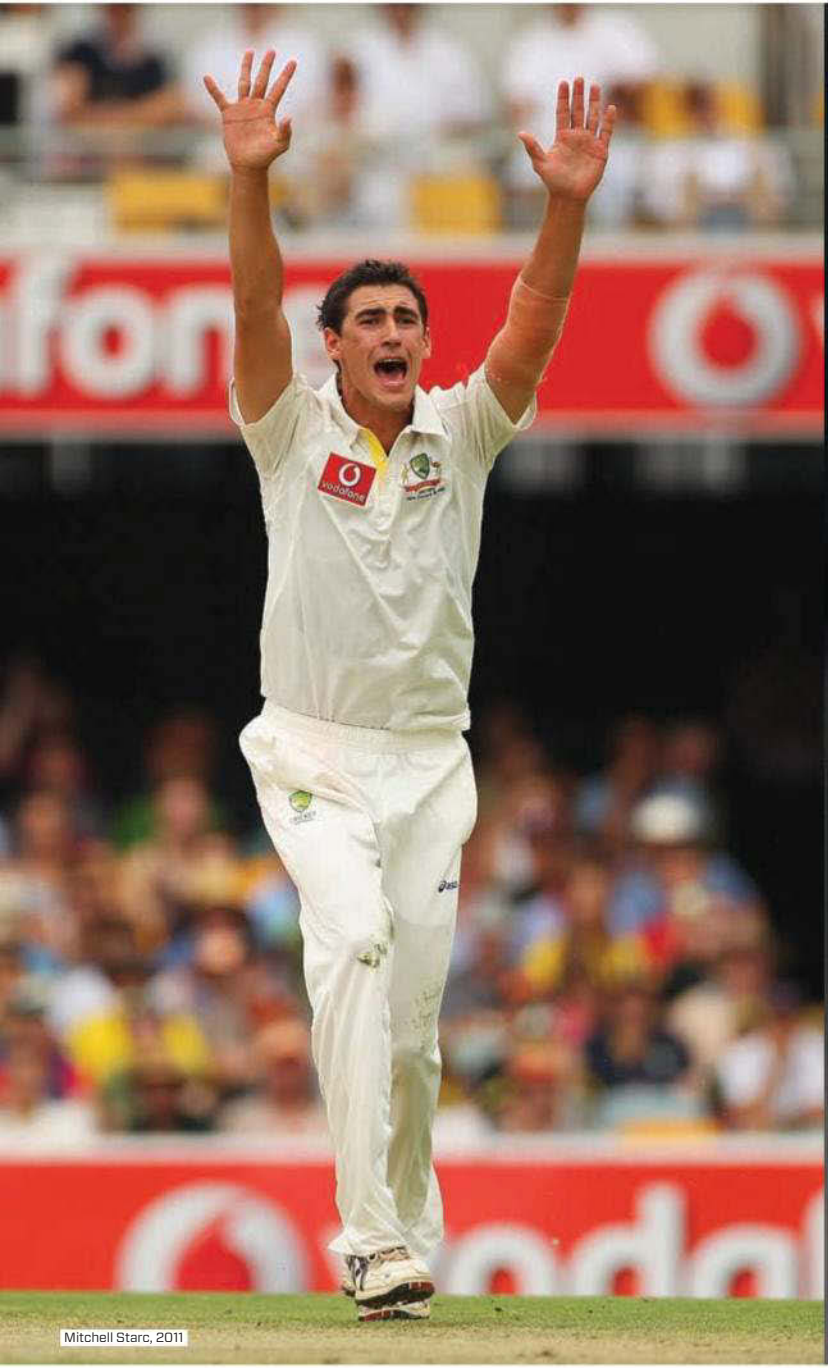
Trent Copeland for the second match. The 18-year-old took six wickets in the second innings to keep his side in the game, and then calmly hit the winning runs to ensure he would be crowned player of the match.

Cummins was, however, teasing. That match was played in November 2011; he would not pull on his Baggy Green again until Australia played India in Ranchi in March 2017, but there was something in the water in NSW cricket at this time which meant there were plenty of raw-boned fast bowlers ready to take their chances.

A month after Cummins' debut, Mitchell Starc was drafted into the team. Raw and a long way from the reliable professional who recently notched up his 100th Test and 400th wicket, the young left-armer was, however, eager to begin his apprenticeship under Mitchell Johnson.

Starc's debut was overshadowed by the performance of another bowler making his debut. James Pattinson, like Lyon and Cummins in previous months, took five wickets in a game against New Zealand. The left-armer opened his account with the scalp of now-England coach Brendon McCullum, caught by David Warner at point.

Pattinson's promise was undermined by his physique; the Victorian seamer only able to get himself up for 21 Tests in the next 10 years before retiring. Starc, too had his problems, but found a way to string together over 50 matches during that period. There is so much to love about the uncomplaining quick, but the fact he's played 100 Tests for his country is arguably more impressive than the 400 scalps he has taken in that time. In Australia, where the wickets are hard and flat, Glenn McGrath (124) is the only



Mitchell Starc, 2011

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seamer to have played more.

The fourth horseman, Josh Hazlewood, would not make his debut until the second Test of the 2014-15 summer, where he, like Lyon and Cummins before him, announced himself with a five-wicket haul in the first innings. “Hoff”, as they call him, almost had to be carried from the ground on his first day at work after suffering full-body cramping due of the heat and the amount of nervous energy he’d spent.

History began to write itself from that moment. The three seamers are particularly tight. Not that you’d notice. The bowlers section of the bus is the quietest, but the seamers in particular understand what each is going through and respect that it's something that’s attended to with as few words as possible. When Starc played his 100th, Cummins paid tribute to his ability to turn up again and again without complaint, acknowledging it inspired him to put his head down and get on with the job.

“We are going to be mates for life,” he said some years back about his bowling partners. “There will be plenty of times when we’re reminiscing, and probably over the years we’ll get better and better in our own mind than what we actually are.”

Starc says that part of what drives him to show up is his respect for the others.

“I have been a player who has been injured and left them a man down before, and I never wanted to do that again.

“So to find ways when things weren't going well, or when things were sore, or if I was carrying something, to still be able to push through and finish games and still be impactful, was part of it.

“But I’ve also had a lot of help along the way, with trainers and physios and my best mates being team-mates; all helped me to keep playing and wanting to compete and still be a part of the group.” ●

Australia's Beth Mooney continues to showcase the value of her international experience in high-pressure matches.

WACA SHOWDOWN

A fierce rivalry and rising stars take centre stage as Australia and India prepare for a multi-format clash, highlighted by a rare WACA Test match this summer, promising intrigue, talent and history in the making, writes ABC SPORT's **Brett Sprigg**.

A well-worn sporting cliche it may be, but "familiar foes" certainly rings true when it comes to the rivalry between the Australian and Indian women's cricket teams.

The two nations will bring down the curtain on a bumper international summer with a multi-format series, highlighted by a Test match at the WACA. Never too far from each other on the scoreboard or the schedule, this summer marks their sixth bilateral series in five years. India last visited in December for three one-day internationals, a series the hosts swept 3-0.

The added excitement of this latest showdown centres on the four-day fixture beginning March 6 – a rare longform contest where much of the intrigue lies. For cricket fans, the prospect of seeing these two sides battle it out in the format is a reminder that Test cricket can still deliver drama and unpredictability, even in an era dominated by white-ball formats.

Indian women's cricket has taken great strides since their last Test on Australian soil, a rain-affected draw on the Gold Coast in 2021. They became only the second cricketing nation, after New Zealand, to introduce pay parity for female

players in 2022, while the launch of the Women's Premier League has been a game-changer for the sport, giving players regular exposure to high-pressure, high-quality competition and helping to build depth across the squad.

Still, since the two sides packed the MCG for the 2020 T20 World Cup final, Australia has dominated, winning 12 of 15 T20s and eight of nine ODIs.

Australian dominance shouldn't surprise anyone. Last summer's Ashes whitewash is still fresh in the memory, but that raises an obvious question: why is there so much anticipation around this Test match?

Firstly, there's the unknown. These teams have met in only three Tests this century, with one win apiece and one draw. India's victory at Wankhede in 2023 was their first-ever Test win over Australia, ending a run which dated back to 1977. Winning in Australia, however, is another matter entirely; most of those head-to-head clashes have gone the hosts' way.

Beyond the numbers, previous Indian tours have often hinged on too few match-winners. Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur put it best after last year's T20 World Cup defeat. "I think their entire team contributes; they don't depend on one or two players. They have a lot of all-rounders who contribute and, according to the situation, they can make a plan and play," Kaur remarked.

If India has leaned heavily on anyone, it's vice-captain Smriti Mandhana. In 2024 she set a new record for most runs

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur is a proven match-winner for India.

Smriti Mandhana, the big star of India's Test batting line-up.

Keep an eye out for India's 22-year-old medium-pacer, Kranti Goud.

by a woman in a calendar year, boasting Test and ODI averages of 57 and 46 respectively, and is already her country's leading run scorer in the 50-over format. Her experience and consistency will be central to India's hopes of competing in a Test match down under.

Mandhana may be the star, but she's far from alone. The touring lineup includes natural stroke-makers like Jemimah Rodrigues and Harleen Deol, both capable of exploiting the typically fast and true WACA wicket with its lightning outfield. At Wankhede, Sneh Rana shone with the ball, but off-spinning all-rounder Deepti Sharma – with her experience on Australian pitches during the WBBL – could be the real key to applying pressure over long periods in the middle.

Keep an eye, too on 22-year-old medium-pacer Kranti Goud, who broke through on a mid-year tour of England and featured in India's October World Cup squad. How India balances its T20-

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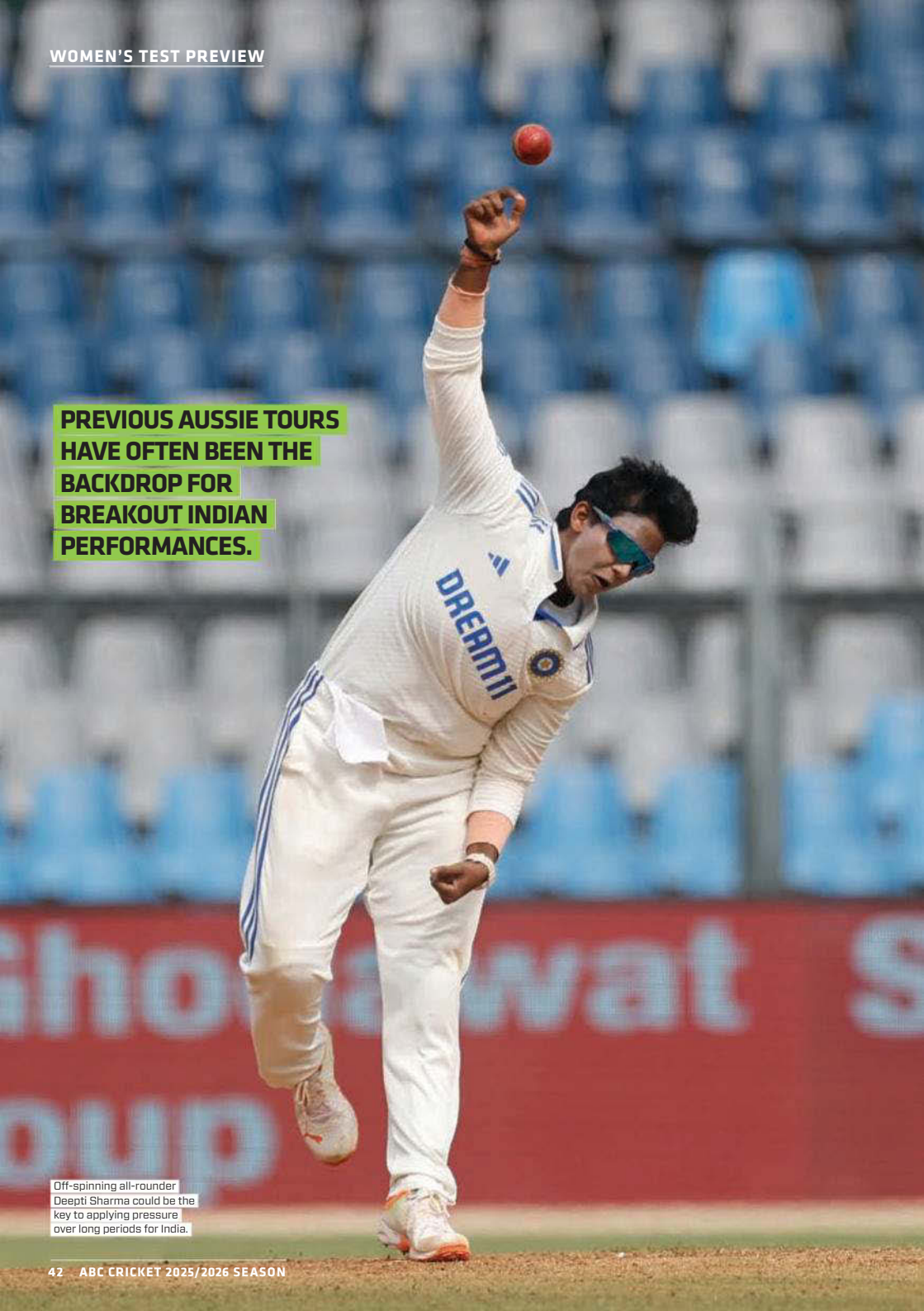

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hardened talent with the demands of Test cricket remains one of the series' most intriguing subplots. The dichotomy between India's love for white-ball cricket and the requirements of the longer format continues to challenge the coaching staff in squad selection and strategy.

For Australia, the rise of Georgia Voll has been a revelation. A year ago, she was a displaced Queenslander turning out for her new WBBL side the Sydney Thunder. A breakout tournament propelled her into national duties, with debuts across all three formats alongside fellow rising star Phoebe Litchfield.

"The 16-nil [Ashes] whitewash was pretty cool to be a part of," Voll reflected earlier this year.

Since then, Voll and her team-mates have been scattered across the globe on the white-ball franchise circuit. Litchfield was MVP of The Hundred in the UK, while established names like Ellyse Perry, Beth Mooney and Grace Harris continued to thrive, showing the value of international experience in high-pressure tournaments.

Captain Alyssa Healy, returning from a foot injury, led Australia A in a multi-format series against India's fringe players and rising stars. Among them was Raghvi Bist, who impressed with scores of 93 and 86 in a four-day match at Brisbane's Allan Border Field. Aussie spearhead Kim Garth featured in that same series, giving India's up-and-comers a taste of what awaits at the top level, and reinforcing just how steep the learning curve is when facing Australia's senior squad.

Mooney, meanwhile, is fresh off one of her finest summers, becoming the first Australian – and just the fourth woman ever – to score centuries in all three formats. (Mandhana has since joined her in that exclusive club.)

Spin could again be decisive. Player of the series in last summer's Ashes, leg-spinner Alana King, thrives at the WACA, her home ground with the Perth Scorchers. And then there's Annabel Sutherland, whose dominance with the bat is remarkable even by Australian

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standards: 137 not out at Trent Bridge in 2023, a double century against South Africa at the WACA seven months later, and 163 in the Ashes to etch her name onto the MCG honour board. The reigning Belinda Clark Award winner makes the game's toughest format look effortless.

Add Ash Gardner's all-round brilliance, Healy's return to full fitness, and Perry – as formidable as ever in the twilight of her career – preparing for her 15th Test, and Australia's lineup looks as imposing as ever.

Despite a steady increase in women's Tests – India's most recent being a 10-wicket win over South Africa in mid-2024 – the format retains a novelty factor for players whose schedules are dominated by T20s and ODIs. That unfamiliarity often produces aggressive, absorbing cricket, with quick scoring, bold shot-making and moments of high tension which can swing a match in an instant.

Australia's women will come into the new home summer off the back of a 50-over World Cup campaign in India, which also included a pre-tournament

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bilateral three-match ODI series – a timely opportunity to gain insight into the opponents they'll face in the multi-format series, which kicks off with a T20 International at the SCG on February 15.

Previous Aussie tours have often been the backdrop for breakout Indian performances. Shafali Verma and Richa Ghosh were teenagers when they lit up the 2020 World Cup. Mandhana's first international hundred came in a Hobart ODI back in 2016. That history makes every encounter with Australia both a challenge and a proving ground for India's emerging stars.

At the time of writing, squad selection for the series was still some way off. India, like their male counterparts, plays a lot of cricket, leaving room for potential surprise inclusions. Talent and fearlessness are prerequisites. Whatever combination they settle on, the core nucleus of the touring team remains hungry for a rare series win – and, even more enticingly, a rare Test match victory – on Australian shores this summer. ●

WINNING MACHINE

From unrivalled squad depth to an unmatched aura, Australia's women's cricketers continue to dominate the global stage, ruthlessly raising the bar for every opponent, writes BBC Sport's **Ffion Wynne**.

Annabel Sutherland and Alyssa Healy of Australia walk out to battle in last summer's Ashes.

THE 2023 SERIES IN WHICH ENGLAND FOUGHT BACK TO DRAW 8-8 WAS PRETTY MUCH CONSIDERED A DEFEAT IN THE AUSSIES' EYES.

Phoebe Litchfield, a young opener thriving at the top.

Whenever an Australian women's cricket squad is announced, it is usually fun – or alarming, depending on where in the world you are from – to try to form a genuinely world-beating XI out of the names who have not been included (once you have digested the star quality of those who have).

In the recently concluded Hundred in the UK, legendary former captain Meg Lanning, all-rounders Jess Jonassen, Charli Knott, Heather Graham and Nicola Carey, plus Georgia Redmayne and Amanda-Jade Wellington, all played significant roles for their franchises.

It is likely that they would all walk into most other international sides, such is the scale of the challenge facing the rest of the world at the ICC Women's World Cup, being played as you read this magazine.

They also had the ideal preparation in three ODIs against co-hosts India beforehand, the only team to have shown the potential recently – notably their series wins away from home against England – to dethrone Alyssa Healy's Aussie juggernaut.

Healy is a well-established leader now, having dealt with the initial pressure of replacing Lanning, and she is a player for the big occasion who knows a thing or two about winning World Cups. There was her unforgettable 170 against England at Christchurch in the previous 50-over edition. Before that came the 75 from 39 balls at the MCG in 2020.

Despite struggling with injury since the Ashes at the start of the year, the wicketkeeper-batter showed promising signs of a return to form against India A with three fifty-plus scores in six innings, including 137 not out to finish.

That Ashes series, the 16-0 demolition job carried out, was indicative of not only the immense talent that this side

Ellyse Perry is still a fan favourite.

Aussie skipper Alyssa Healy thrives on the biggest stages.

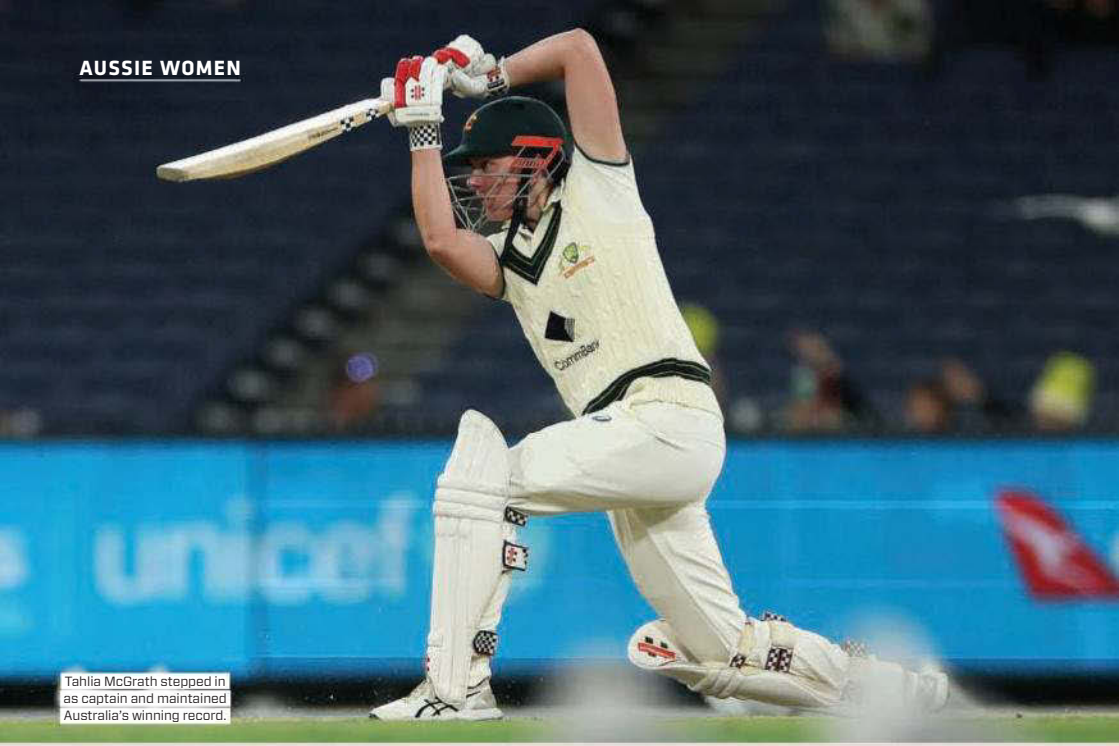
possesses, but evidence of just how ruthless they are prepared to be.

The first time I saw them play live as a journalist was during the 2023 series, which England fought back to draw 8-8 ... which came as a huge shock and to Australia. That was pretty much a defeat in their eyes.

Last January's tour was an eye opener for the press as well as for the players – this is not a team that takes losing well.

When England squandered its golden opportunity to level the series by failing to chase 181 at Melbourne's Junction Oval in the second ODI, it triggered a sense of foreboding. Healy and Australia knew that if they could win from there, having been so far from their impeccably high standards, they could win them all.

Alongside the unmatched strength in depth, which is a result of the investment in the domestic system that has predated every other nation, a key element in what



Tahlia McGrath stepped in as captain and maintained Australia's winning record.

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Perry's powers are just part of the artillery.

Annabel Sutherland thrives with responsibility.

makes them so difficult to beat is the sheer amount of all-rounders.

In the squad of 15 which was selected for the India series and the World Cup, Healy has 10 genuine bowling options (12 if you include the part-timers in Grace Harris and Georgia Voll).

If you look at the XI who played the first ODI against India on 14 September, who were also likely to be the first-choice players for the World Cup, eight of them are genuine bowling options. Four of them bat in the top seven. Georgia Wareham at eight is a cheat code.

At times, particularly during the T20 World Cup in 2024, in which Australia was surprisingly knocked out by South Africa in the semi-final, it has felt a bit like they have so much talent, they do not quite know what to do with it.

There was a reluctance to open with Phoebe Litchfield because with Beth Mooney, there would be two left-handers. As well, it took them until the third ODI in the Ashes to work out that yes, the leg-spinners Alana King and Wareham can both play in the same XI and yes, they are both exceptional.

What that also means, though, is they have all bases covered for all scenarios. Healy hurt her calf during the second Ashes T20 at Sydney and Tahlia McGrath stepped in to lead them to victory, while youngster Georgia Voll slotted in at the top of the order and whacked 21 from 11 balls as if she'd been doing it her entire life.

Ellyse Perry was injured during the Ashes Test match, so Sutherland hopped up to number three and scored a century which was as majestic as it was inevitable.

Sutherland is the natural heir to Perry's sacred throne, one which seemed irreplaceable for so long, but with the 34-year-old's powers with the ball starting to fade, the young gun has thrived with the increased responsibility.

With lively pace, good carry and canny variations, she is a middle-overs banker

Georgia Wareham adds batting depth to go with her leg-spin prowess.

for Healy, who also has an enviable array of options for the powerplay. The indefatigable Megan Schutt has been there and done it all, having now played 100 ODIs for her country, while Kim Garth's away swing and metronomic accuracy could be invaluable in subcontinental conditions, and Darcie Brown's extra pace offers the point of difference.

Then there's the small matter of Australia's spin attack, offering so much variation with Ash Gardner's reliable off-spin, Sophie Molineux's left-armers and the two aforementioned leg-spinners.

Wareham offers greater batting depth and is a jet in the field, but King is the superstar, the Shane Warne-inspired Ashes hero who could get an apple to turn square if required.

Watching King bowl is theatre, the sort of magic which only a leg-spinner can produce and she has all the charisma and personality to match.

Though they have skill and talent in abundance, Australia has now built such an aura that very often the game has been won psychologically before a ball has even been bowled. Every team knows they have to be at their best in every single facet of the game if they are to even compete – and not one has been able to consistently handle that pressure.

In the field, they smother their opponents with their intensity, diving and scrapping for every single run as if each one will decide the eventual winning margin.

They are pure athleticism and professionalism personified, and it is an honour to watch them and appreciate the way they have taken women's cricket to new levels.

So perhaps it is the selectors who have the most difficult job of the lot. After all, somehow, four of them have got to be left out. ●

IN THE FIELD, THEY DIVE AND SCRAPE FOR EVERY SINGLE RUN AS IF EACH ONE WILL DECIDE THE EVENTUAL WINNING MARGIN.

Megan Schutt has been there and done it all.

BIG BASH BRIGADE

From explosive batting to world-class bowling, this summer's Big Bash competitions will herald a new wave of stars and bold signings. Across the two competitions, expect short-form cricket of the highest order, writes ABC SPORT's **Chris Rowbottom**.

If five Ashes Test matches are the main course this summer, then the latest instalments of our Big Bash Leagues shape as cricket's most decadent dessert.

With their first trophy in the cabinet, the Hobart Hurricanes will start odds-on favourites for a second title, having retained the likes of breakout star **Mitch Owen** and fellow master blaster **Tim David**, while adding local lad **Beau Webster** and Test hopeful **Jake Weatherald**.

Not to be outdone, the Hurricanes' women have sharpened their axes, too. The signing of English star **Nat Sciver-Brunt** is perhaps the biggest of the WBBL's off-season, and a clear signal the Hurricanes are ready to move out of the mid-table and into championship contention. **Lizelle Lee** obtaining Australian citizenship is also a boon for the purple army.

Across Bass Strait, the Melbourne Renegades have pulled off a recruiting coup of their own, with reigning tournament leading wicket-taker **Jason Behrendorff** arriving following a stellar stint with the Perth Scorchers.

He will join **Brendan Doggett** in Renegade red, forming a fearsome attack which will also feature spin stalwart **Adam Zampa**.

The Renegades' fortunes will largely be shaped by **Jake Fraser-McGurk** who, at his best, is a genuine tournament-winner.

But memories of his world-record 29-ball List A century in 2023 are beginning to fade following a sustained lean patch, and he'll be hoping to refresh them from the first ball.

The Renegades' women's team will have to go back-to-back without WBBL final hero **Hayley Matthews**, who has withdrawn from the tournament to have shoulder surgery. It will mean a larger load for fellow West Indian **Deandra Dottin**, and with the ball, **Tess Flintoff**, who has made the switch from the Melbourne Stars. Going back the other way were Victoria's WNCL player of the season, **Ella Hayward** and **Georgia Prestwidge**, who were both hunting greater opportunities.

The green side of Melbourne is still without a men's BBL trophy, but is banking on familiar faces to break through this summer.

Glenn Maxwell and **Marcus Stoinis** were 4th and 5th for overall runs respectively last season, with Maxwell's strike rate of 186.78 and 27 sixes only bettered by Mitch Owen's 203.6 and 36 – albeit from two fewer innings.

MITCH OWEN:
HOBART HURRICANES

DEANDRA DOTTIN: MELBOURNE RENEGADES

Import pair **Joe Clarke** and **Tom Curran** return for another season, while **Mitch Swepson** joins from Brisbane to bolster the bowling. However, the question of the team's depth will again be raised.

In Perth, a breakout season looms for young quick **Mahli Beardman** – that's if he can overcome a back niggle which has interrupted his off-season – while in another sense, the future has already arrived in the form of **Cooper Connolly**. His 352 runs and six wickets last season were good for 3rd in the Golden Bat award, team of the year honours and even a Test debut for Australia against Sri Lanka.

Katie Mack arrives from the Adelaide Strikers to assist superstar **Beth Mooney** at the top of the Scorchers' WBBL order.

Mooney was the only Scorcher to make a half-century last season, but will now have the support of Mack as well as English international **Paige Schofield**, while spin queen **Alana King** will continue to wreak havoc with the ball.

For the Brisbane Heat's men's team, the strategy for BBL15 seems simple: blast teams out of the Gabba with the ball. Pakistani gun **Shaheen Shah Afridi** was snapped up with Pick 1 in the BBL draft and will combine with emerging stars **Xavier Bartlett** and **Spencer Johnson**, as well as veteran **Michael Neser** to form a fearsome pace battery.

Shaheen is available for the entire tournament and is in slick form, too, having been crowned the Pakistan Super League's top wicket-taker in May with 19 wickets for Qalandars.

While for the women, there's a middle order hole to fill with **Laura Harris** departing to the Sydney Thunder. Harris only scored 159 runs at an

GLENN MAXWELL: MELBOURNE STARS

MICHAEL NESER: BRISBANE HEAT

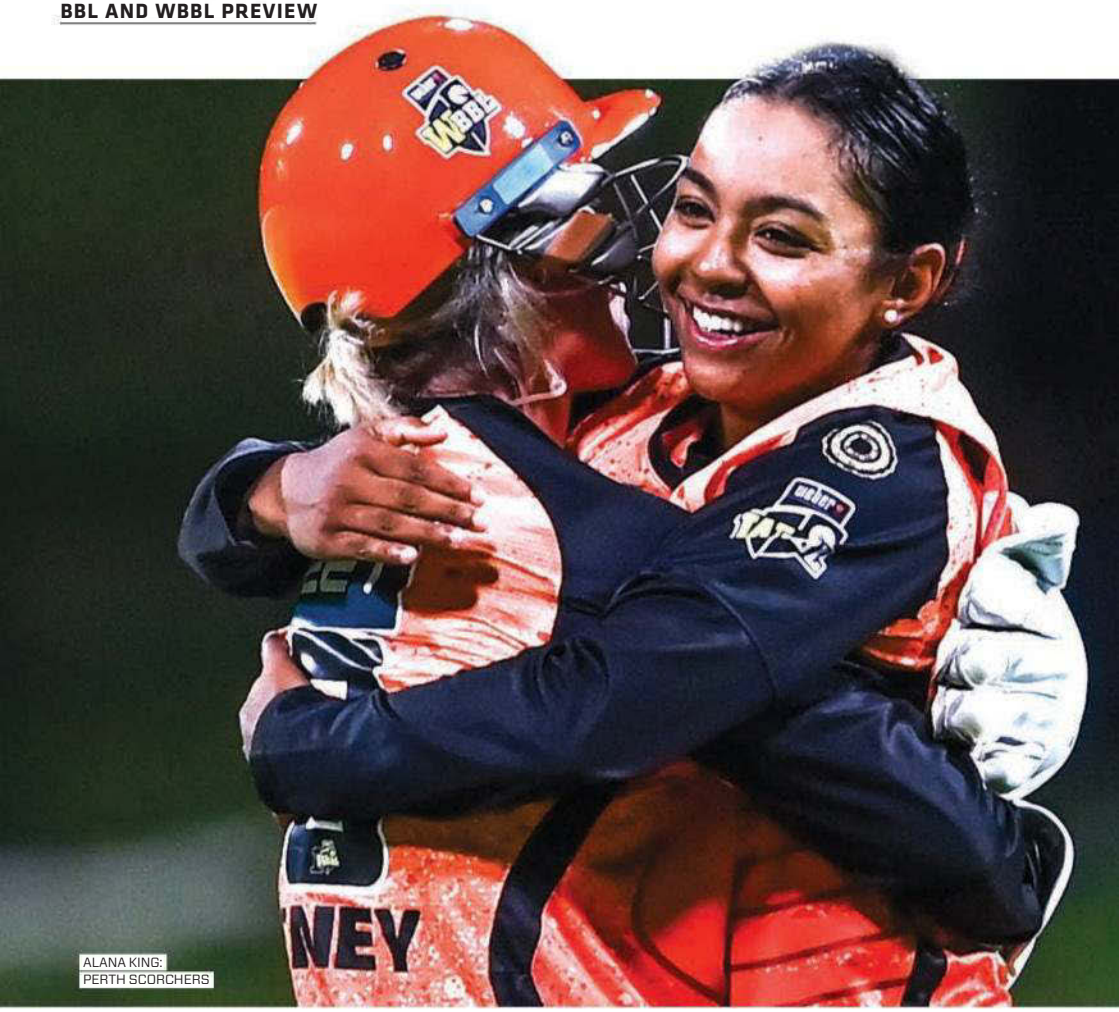
average of 15.9 last season, but her ability to clear the fence will be sorely missed, having hit the second-most sixes (10) for the tournament.

Heavy-hitting West Indian all-rounder **Chinelle Henry** will have to pick up some of that slack, so too will Indian star **Jemimah Rodrigues**, who was retained at Pick 3.

Harris' new team, the Sydney Thunder, will be tough to beat this summer, having retained international trio **Heather Knight** (England), **Shabnim Ismail** (South Africa) and Sri Lankan captain **Chamari Athapaththu**.

The rise of captain **Phoebe Litchfield** will continue to be a story. The 22-year-old smoked 342 WBBL runs last summer and has enjoyed a particularly strong off-season in the English Hundred tournament with the Northern Superchargers.

Twenty20 icon **David Warner** will



ALANA KING: PERTH SCORCHERS

again be available for the Thunder men's team for the entire tournament, following a stunning BBL14 which resulted in him being named captain of the team of the tournament.

Last summer's finalists add Pakistani leggy **Shadab Khan** to the team. He could form part of a spin quartet with **Chris Green**, **Tanveer Sangha** and **Tom Andrews** on a slow-moving Western Sydney wicket.

Blake Nikitaras, who was an injury replacement player for **Nic Maddinson** last season, is now fully contracted following dominant local performances, while star young gun **Sam Konstas** has committed long-term.

Across town, the perennially contending Sydney Sixers continue to get things done, this time having locked down superstar Pakistani bat **Babar Azam** for the entirety of BBL15, including the finals.

While not selected by Pakistan for the T20 Asia Cup (taking place at time of publication), Azam's signature

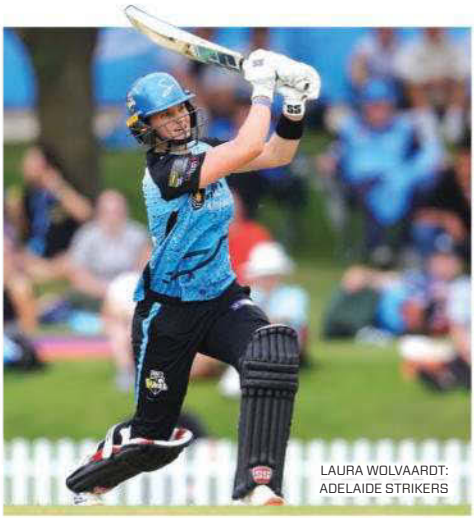
PHOEBE LITCHFIELD: SYDNEY THUNDER

remains a prize for the Sixers, who will surround him with a familiar domestic core made up of, among others, **Sean Abbott**, **Ben Dwarshuis**, **Jordan Silk** and **Steve Smith**.

The Sixers have landed a boom recruit off the field, too with four-time World Cup-winning coach Matthew Mott taking the reins of the WBBL team, replacing Charlotte Edwards.

He will have megastar duo **Ellyse Perry** and **Alyssa Healy** at his disposal, as well as wily Kiwi spinner **Amelia Kerr**, who joins via pick 9 in the WBBL draft. She essentially replaces gun English offie **Sophie Ecclestone**, who Sydney opted against retaining with pick 1, instead choosing to bolster their batting with Englishwoman **Sophia Dunkley**.

Ecclestone will instead wear blue this season after the Adelaide Strikers pounced on the left-armer with pick 2. The Strikers underwhelmed last summer, finishing seventh with just three wins, and with the departure of **Katie Mack** to the



LAURA WOLVAARDT: ADELAIDE STRIKERS

Scorchers and the loss of Indian **Smriti Mandhana**, the brunt of the run scoring responsibility will fall to South African **Laura Woolvaardt** and incoming English international opening bat **Tammy Beaumont**.

Beaumont is familiar with Adelaide, having played with the Strikers in WBBL04 and WBBL05 – her 301 runs in WBBL05 remains her best haul from her six seasons of playing in the competition.

With **Travis Head**, **Chris Lynn** and **D'Arcy Short** unsigned for the men's team at the time of writing, and Jake Weatherald departed to the Hurricanes, the newly acquired **Jason Sangha** and **Mackenzie Harvey** will likely be given bulk opportunity.

Harvey played for the Strikers in the recent Top End T20 tournament in Darwin, and was the tournament's leading run scorer with 306.

Strikers coach Tim Paine has gone all in on pace, too, targeting left-arm Englishman **Luke Wood**, who is available for the entire tournament, as his frontline seamer. ●

SEAN ABBOTT:
SYDNEY SIXERS

CORBIN MIDDLEMAS

For as long as he can remember, cricket has been at the heart of Corbin Middlemas' life. From bowling tennis balls against the backyard wall in suburban Perth, to poring over scorecards and pretending to call matches as a kid, the seeds of a broadcasting career were planted early. However, it wasn't until a chance visit to a local racing radio station that the idea of sports commentary truly came into focus. That introduction led him to a grassroots cricket station in Perth, where he cut his teeth calling club games and Western Warriors fixtures. Fast forward to today, and he's a leading voice of ABC SPORT's elite cricket coverage, having called Test matches at home and abroad. In this wide-ranging chat, he talks passion, preparation, the art of storytelling, and why covering the Australian cricket team's exploits might just be the best gig in the game.

Interview by JAMES SMITH

JS: Your name is already synonymous with the ABC's cricket coverage, so where and when did it all begin for you in sports broadcasting?

CORBIN: My passion for cricket goes back as far as I can remember. As a kid, I would spend hours in the backyard bowling tennis balls into the back wall, chasing them around, and keeping my own scorecards – literally playing entire games by myself. Cricket has been in my blood from the start.

From a broadcasting point of view, it really began while I was still at school. My dad took me to a racing radio station – they covered greyhounds, trots and thoroughbreds. A family friend suggested I also check out a local community radio station. The closest one to me was Sport FM in Perth's southern suburbs, which focused heavily on grassroots cricket.

Every Saturday, we'd cover WACA first grade matches, spending the entire day at the ground. I would pore over numbers, player stats and stories. They also broadcast Western Warriors home and away games, so I had the chance to call a lot of cricket early on. That really is where the spark was lit.

I grew up in Yangebup, about 20 minutes south of Perth, in the Cockburn–Fremantle area. I played my junior cricket at East Fremantle Cricket Club, so cricket's always been a huge part of my life.

JS: Was that first taste of working in local radio the real catalyst for becoming a sports commentator?

CORBIN: Definitely, but I always did have a passion for broadcasting, even before I knew what the pathway looked like. As a kid, when Dad took me to the cricket or footy, I was fascinated by the broadcasting side – where the commentators were sitting, who was

The SCG, 2018 ... Corbin Middlemas' Test calling debut.

Calling Sam Konstas ramping it up at the MCG last year is a Middlemas early career highlight.

in the box, who was working for TV.

My dad's a massive sports fanatic, so we always had the cricket or the footy on the radio in the car. That constant exposure planted the seed. Once I found my way into a radio studio and realised I could actually be part of bringing the game to people, I was hooked. It was a way to stay connected to the sport I love, even if I wasn't out there playing.

JS: When did you make the jump to calling elite-level cricket for the ABC?

CORBIN: My first Test match was the SCG Test in 2018 – I should probably have that date burned into my brain. At first, I was only calling one Test a year, but over the past few seasons it's really grown. Last summer, I ended up doing four of the five matches, which was a real thrill. I have had the chance to cover overseas tours – I went to New Zealand and India for the most recent Border-Gavaskar Trophy, which was incredible.

JS: Looking back briefly, what has been your biggest "goosebumps" moment behind the mic?

CORBIN: Two stand out. The first was being at the MCG when Scott Boland tore through England during the last Ashes series. I was down on the boundary for the end of play, and to witness that live – in Melbourne, in front of that crowd – was surreal.

The second was Boxing Day last year. There is nothing bigger in Australian cricket than day one at the MCG, and all eyes were on the game. Watching a teenager like Sam Konstas sweep and ramp Jasprit Bumrah over the keeper's head in that atmosphere – that's the kind of thing you don't forget.

JS: Who were your broadcasting heroes growing up?

CORBIN: The obvious ones. I grew up listening to Jim Maxwell, Tim Lane and Glenn Mitchell on the ABC. When I first

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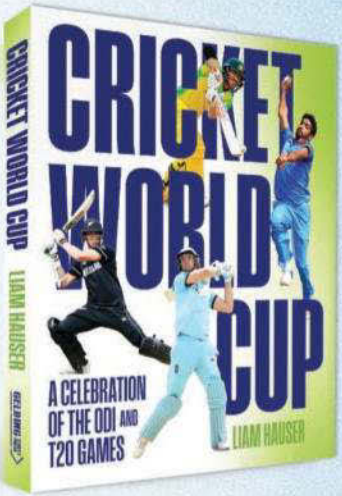

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With his inspiration as a young caller, Jim Maxwell.

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started with the ABC in Perth, Glenn was based there, too, so I was incredibly lucky to learn from him early on.

In recent years, I've been able to travel and work alongside Jim, who was someone I grew up listening to in the backseat of the car. To go from being a fan to working alongside him has been surreal. I definitely don't take that for granted.

JS: Do you have a particular philosophy when it comes to commentary?

CORBIN: One piece of advice has always stuck with me. Back in 2006 or 2007, I was covering a Sheffield Shield game with Bob Massie, and he introduced me to Tim Lane. I asked Tim about play-by-play commentary, and he said something I've never forgotten: "Imagine someone is transcribing your words, like in a courtroom. If you read it back later, would it paint a clear picture of what's happening?"

That has always stayed with me. I try to make sure that, even if someone can't see the action, my words give them enough detail to visualise it – where the ball's gone, how the field's set, what the atmosphere feels like.

JS: How do you approach your research and preparation these days?

CORBIN: It has evolved a lot. Early on, I was obsessed with numbers and stats – I'd pore over every possible detail. Now, I focus much more on storytelling. Stats are always available – and we have amazing people like Ric Finlay and Lawrie Colliver, who can dig them up in seconds – but what really connects with listeners are the human stories. Who is this player? Where have they come from? What challenges have they overcome? The

When not even Scott Boland is an automatic selection for the Aussies, life in Test-land is good.

Certain ABC SPORT commentary team-mates of Corbin's are already declaring an Aussie Ashes whitewash.

bigger the obstacle, the greater the achievement. That applies at both team and individual levels.

I try to weave those threads into the broadcast so we're not just calling balls and runs - we're telling the stories behind them.

JS: Looking ahead to the Ashes, what excites you most about this summer?

CORBIN: I can't wait to see how England's "Bazball" philosophy translates in Australia. They have brought so much energy to Test cricket, but there's no bigger challenge than coming down under. Australia's attack is relentless. Cummins, Starc and Hazlewood have been incredibly durable, Nathan Lyon is world-class, and even someone of Scott Boland's calibre isn't guaranteed a spot in the XI. If the pitches are quick and bouncy, Australia rightfully starts as favourites.

JS: And finally ... off-air, what is the banter like in the commentary team's inner sanctum between the Aussie commentators and the visiting English brigade during an Ashes series? It must be a laugh a minute ...

CORBIN: It's brilliant. With guys like Darren Lehmann, Glenn McGrath and the English commentators all in the same space, there's no shortage of jokes and digs flying around.

Glenn is McGrath is already predicting another 5–0 Ashes whitewash – no surprises there – and "Boof", having just spent the summer coaching in England, would have been greatly outnumbered as an Aussie over there, so he'll enjoy having some more support back here. It is all good fun; I think that camaraderie comes through on air, too. ●

Corbin and Dirk Nannes while on the sub-continent earlier this year.

LAST SUMMER...

Aussie pace bowler Scott Boland celebrates after dismissing India's Virat Kohli during day two of the Fifth Test Match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

(Photo by Darrian Traynor/Getty Images)

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LAST SUMMER...

Australia's Alana King takes a catch off her own bowling to dismiss England's Sophia Dunkley during day one of the Women's Ashes Test Match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

(Photo by Daniel Pockett/Getty Images)

Australia - 1st Innings 179 all out
Labuschagne 74 Archer 6-45
England - 1st Innings 67 all out
Denly 12 Hazlewood 5-30
Australia - 2nd Innings 246 all out
Labuschagne 80 Stokes 3-56
England - 2nd Innings 362 for 9
Stokes 135* Hazlewood 4-85
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The score emblazoned on the big screen after day four of the 3rd Ashes Test at Headingley on August 25, 2019 in Leeds, England.

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RESULTS

TEAM	M	W	L	D	T	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Afghanistan	11	4	6	1	0	36.36	54.55	0.67 :1	5	45.45
Australia	877	422	234	219	2	48.12	26.68	1.80 :1	443	50.51
Bangladesh	154	23	112	19	0	14.94	72.73	0.21 :1	81	52.60
England	1089	403	330	356	0	37.01	30.30	1.22 :1	536	49.22
India	594	183	186	224	1	30.81	31.31	0.98 :1	291	48.99
Ireland	10	3	7	0	0	30.00	70.00	0.43 :1	6	60.00
New Zealand	480	121	189	170	0	25.21	39.38	0.64 :1	235	48.96
Pakistan	465	151	148	166	0	32.47	31.83	1.02 :1	218	46.88
South Africa	475	188	161	126	0	39.58	33.89	1.17 :1	229	48.21
Sri Lanka	327	107	127	93	0	32.72	38.84	0.84 :1	180	55.05
West Indies	587	185	219	182	1	31.52	37.31	0.84 :1	302	51.45
World XI	1	0	1	0	0	0.00	100.00	0.00 :1	0	0.00
Zimbabwe	128	14	84	30	0	10.94	65.63	0.17 :1	73	57.03
Total	**2599**	**1804**	**1804**	**793**	**2**	**69.41**	**69.41**	**1.00 :1**	**2599**	**100.00**

MOST RUNS

PLAYER	FOR	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
Tendulkar, SR	Ind	200	329	33	15921	248*	53.79	51	68
Root, JE	Eng	158	288	24	13543	262	51.30	39	66
Ponting, RT	Aus	168	287	29	13378	257	51.85	41	62
Kallis, JH	RSA+	166	280	40	13289	224	55.37	45	58
Dravid, RS	Ind+	164	286	32	13288	270	52.31	36	63
Cook, AN	Eng	161	291	16	12472	294	45.35	33	57
Sangakkara, KC	SL	134	233	17	12400	319	57.41	38	52
Lara, BC	WI +	131	232	6	11953	400*	52.89	34	48
Chanderpaul, S	WI	164	280	49	11867	203*	51.37	30	66
Jayawardena, DPMD	SL	149	252	15	11814	374	49.85	34	50
Border, AR	Aus	156	265	44	11174	205	50.56	27	63
Waugh, SR	Aus	168	260	46	10927	200	51.06	32	50
Smith, SPD	Aus	119	212	25	10477	239	56.03	36	43

MOST WICKETS

PLAYER	FOR	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WI	10WM
Muralitharan, M	SL +	133	44039	1794	18180	800	22.73	9-51	67	22
Warne, SK	Aus	145	40704	1761	17995	708	25.42	8-71	37	10
Anderson, JM	Eng	188	40037	1730	18627	704	26.46	7-42	32	3
Kumble, A	Ind	132	40852	1575	18355	619	29.65	10-74	35	8
Broad, SCJ	Eng	167	33698	1304	16719	604	27.68	8-15	20	3
McGrath, GD	Aus	124	29248	1471	12186	563	21.64	8-24	29	3
Lyon, NM	Aus	139	34502	1089	16942	562	30.15	8-50	24	5
Ashwin, R	Ind	106	27246	907	12891	537	24.01	7-59	37	8
Walsh, CA	WI	132	30019	1145	12688	519	24.45	7-37	22	3

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
1	415	McKenzie, ND	Smith, GC	RSA	Ban	2007-08	Chittagong
2	576	Jayasuriya, ST	Mahanama, RS	SL	Ind	1997-98	Colombo
3	624	Sangakkara, KC	Jayawardena, DPMD	SL	RSA	2006	Colombo
4	454	Root, JE	Brook, HC	Eng	Pak	2024-25	Multan
5	405	Barnes, SG	Bradman, DG	Aus	Eng	1946-47	Sydney
6	399	Stokes, BA	Bairstow, JM	Eng	RSA	2015-16	Cape Town
7	347	Atkinson, DS	Depeiaza, CC	WI	Aus	1954-55	Bridgetown
8	332	Trott, IJL	Broad, SCJ	Eng	Pak	2010	Lord's
9	195	Boucher, MV	Symcox, PL	RSA	Pak	1997-98	Wanderers
10	198	Root, JE	Anderson, JM	Eng	Ind	2014	Trent Bridge

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	FOR	V..	INN	M#	SEASON	VENUE
Lara, BC	400*	WI	Eng	1	4	2003-04	Antigua
Hayden, ML	380	Aus	Zim	1	1	2003-04	Perth
Lara, BC	375	WI	Eng	1	5	1993-94	Antigua
Jayawardena, DPMD	374	SL		1	1	2006	Colombo
Mulder, PWA	367*	RSA	Zim	1	2	2025	Bulawayo (QSC)
Sobers, GS	365*	WI	Pak	1	3	1957-58	Kingston
Hutton, L	364	Eng	Aus	1	5	1938	The Oval

BEST BOWLING IN AN INNINGS

PLAYER	W	RC	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Laker, JC	10	53	Eng	Aus	1956	Old Trafford
Kumble, A	10	74	Ind	Pak	1998-99	Delhi
Patel, AY	10	119	NZ	Ind	2021-22	Mumbai
Lohmann, GA	9	28	Eng	RSA	1895-96	Johannesburg
Laker, JC	9	37	Eng	Aus	1956	Old Trafford

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	FOR	CT	M	C/M
Root, JE	Eng	213	158	1.35
Dravid, RS	Ind+	210	164	1.28
Jayawardena, DPMD	SL	205	149	1.38
Smith, SPD	Aus	201	119	1.69
Kallis, JH	RSA+	200	166	1.20
Ponting, RT	Aus	196	168	1.17

BEST BOWLING IN A MATCH

PLAYER	W	RC	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Laker, JC	19	90	Eng	Aus	1956	Old Trafford
Barnes, SF	17	159	Eng	RSA	1913-14	Johannesburg
Hirwani, ND	16	136	Ind	WI	1987-88	Chepauk
Massie, RAL	16	137	Aus	Eng	1972	Lord's
Muralitharan, M	16	220	SL	Eng	1998	The Oval

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	FOR	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	W/IN	B/INN
Boucher, MV	RSA+	147	281	532	23	555	1.98	3.48
Gilchrist, AC	Aus	96	191	379	37	416	2.18	3.16
Healy, IA	Aus	119	224	366	29	395	1.76	3.29
Marsh, RW	Aus	96	182	343	12	355	1.95	3.47
Dhoni, MS	Ind	90	166	256	38	294	1.77	4.51

+ - includes performances for World XI v Australia in 2005

Australia v England Test Records

RESULTS - IN AUSTRALIA

TEAM	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Australia	185	99	57	29	53.51	30.81	1.74 :1	103	55.68
England	185	57	99	29	30.81	53.51	0.58 :1	82	44.32
Total	**185**	**156**	**156**	**29**	**84.32**	**84.32**	**1.00 :1**	**185**	**100.00**

RESULTS - IN ENGLAND

TEAM	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Australia	176	53	55	68	30.11	31.25	0.96 :1	77	43.75
England	176	55	53	68	31.25	30.11	1.04 :1	99	56.25
Total	**176**	**108**	**108**	**68**	**61.36**	**61.36**	**1.00 :1**	**176**	**100.00**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
7-903	Aus	1938	The Oval
6-729	Eng	1930	Lord's
701	Eng	1934	The Oval
695	Eng	1930	The Oval
6-674	Eng	2009	Cardiff
9-662	Eng	2017-18	Perth

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	FOR	SEASON	VENUE
36	Aus	1902	Edgbaston
42	Aus	1887-88	Sydney
44	Aus	1896	The Oval
45	Eng	1886-87	Sydney
52	Eng	1948	The Oval
53	Aus	1896	Lord's
53	Eng	1888	Lord's
58	Aus	1936-37	Brisbane (Gab)

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	FOR	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
Bradman, DG	Aus	37	63	7	5028	334	89.79	19	12
Hobbs, JB	Eng	41	71	4	3636	187	54.27	12	15
Border, AR	Aus	47	82	19	3548	200*	56.32	8	21
Smith, SPD	Aus	37	66	5	3417	239	56.02	12	13
Gower, DI	Eng	42	77	4	3269	215	44.78	9	12
Waugh, SR	Aus	46	73	18	3200	177*	58.18	10	14
Boycott, G	Eng	38	71	9	2945	191	47.50	7	14
Hammond, WR	Eng	33	58	3	2852	251	51.85	9	7

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	FOR	SEASON	VENUE
Hutton, L	364	Eng	1938	The Oval
Bradman, DG	334	Aus	1930	Headingley
Simpson, RB	311	Aus	1964	Old Trafford
Cowper, RM	307	Aus	1965-66	Melbourne
Bradman, DG	304	Aus	1934	Headingley
Foster, RE	287	Eng	1903-04	Sydney
Bradman, DG	270	Aus	1936-37	Melbourne
Ponsford, WH	266	Aus	1934	The Oval

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		FOR	SEASON	VENUE
1	329	Marsh, GR	Taylor, MA	Aus	1989	Trent Bridge
2	451	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Aus	1934	The Oval
3	276	Bradman, DG	Hassett, AL	Aus	1946-47	Brisbane
4	388	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Aus	1934	Headingley
5	405	Barnes, SG	Bradman, DG	Aus	1946-47	Sydney
6	346	Fingleton, JHW	Bradman, DG	Aus	1936-37	Melbourne
7	165	Hill, C	Trumble, H	Aus	1897-98	Melbourne
8	243	Hartigan, MJ	Hill, C	Aus	1907-08	Adelaide
9	154	Gregory, SE	Blackham, JM	Aus	1894-95	Sydney
10	163	Hughes, PJ	Agar, AC	Aus	2013	Trent Bridge

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		FOR	SEASON	VENUE
451	2nd	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Aus	1934	The Oval
405	5th	Barnes, SG	Bradman, DG	Aus	1946-47	Sydney
388	4th	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Aus	1934	Headingley
382	2nd	Hutton, L	Leyland, M	Eng	1938	The Oval
351	2nd	Gooch, GA	Gower, DI	Eng	1985	The Oval
346	6th	Fingleton, JHW	Bradman, DG	Aus	1936-37	Melbourne
332*	5th	Border, AR	Waugh, SR	Aus	1993	Headingley
331	2nd	Robinson, RT	Gower, DI	Eng	1985	Edgbaston

MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	FOR	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WI	10WM
Warne, SK	Aus	36	10757	488	4535	195	23.26	8-71	11	4
Lillee, DK	Aus	29	8516	361	3507	167	21.00	7-89	11	4
McGrath, GD	Aus	30	7280	332	3286	157	20.93	8-38	10	0
Broad, SCJ	Eng	40	8330	278	4431	153	28.96	8-15	8	1
Botham, IT	Eng	36	8479	297	4093	148	27.66	6-78	9	2
Trumble, H	Aus	31	7895	448	2945	141	20.89	8-65	9	3
Willis, RGD	Eng	35	7294	200	3346	128	26.14	8-43	7	0

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	FOR	SEASON	VENUE
Laker, JC	10	53	Eng	1956	Old Trafford
Laker, JC	9	37	Eng	1956	Old Trafford
Mailey, AA	9	121	Aus	1920-21	Melbourne
Broad, SCJ	8	15	Eng	2015	Trent Bridge
Laver, FJ	8	31	Aus	1909	Old Trafford
Lohmann, GA	8	35	Eng	1886-87	Sydney
McGrath, GD	8	38	Aus	1997	Lord's

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BEST MATCH BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	FOR	M#	SEASON	VENUE
Laker, JC	19	90	Eng	4th	1956	Old Trafford
Massie, RAL	16	137	Aus	2nd	1972	Lord's
Verity, H	15	104	Eng	2nd	1934	Lord's
Rhodes, W	15	124	Eng	2nd	1903-04	Melbourne
Spofforth, FR	14	90	Aus	1st	1882	The Oval
Bedser, AV	14	99	Eng	1st	1953	Trent Bridge
Bates, W	14	102	Eng	2nd	1882-83	Melbourne

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	FOR	CT	M	C/M
Chappell, GS	Aus	61	35	1.74
Border, AR	Aus	57	47	1.21
Botham, IT	Eng	57	36	1.58
Smith, SPD	Aus	57	37	1.54
Taylor, MA	Aus	46	33	1.39
Trumble, H	Aus	45	31	1.45

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	FOR	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	W/IN	B/INN
Marsh, RW	Aus	42	82	141	7	148	1.80	3.46
Healy, IA	Aus	33	65	123	12	135	2.08	3.28
Knott, APE	Eng	34	66	97	8	105	1.59	1.89
Gilchrist, AC	Aus	20	40	89	7	96	2.40	3.13
Oldfield, WAS	Aus	38	69	59	31	90	1.30	4.39
Lilley, AFA	Eng	32	62	65	19	84	1.35	5.31
Haddin, BJ	Aus	20	37	79	1	80	2.16	6.49

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	TEAM	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Border, AR	Aus	29	13	6	10	44.83	20.69	2.17 :1	13	44.83
MacLaren, AC	Eng	22	4	11	7	18.18	50.00	0.36 :1	11	50.00
Bradman, DG	Aus	19	11	3	5	57.89	15.79	3.67 :1	6	31.58
Ponting, RT	Aus	19	8	6	5	42.11	31.58	1.33 :1	6	31.58
Darling, J	Aus	18	5	4	9	27.78	22.22	1.25 :1	5	27.78
Brearley, JM	Eng	18	11	4	3	61.11	22.22	2.75 :1	8	44.44
Murdoch, WL	Aus	16	5	7	4	31.25	43.75	0.71 :1	7	43.75
Clarke, MJ	Aus	16	7	7	2	43.75	43.75	1.00 :1	9	56.25
Taylor, MA	Aus	16	9	4	3	56.25	25.00	2.25 :1	12	75.00
Chappell, IM	Aus	16	7	4	5	43.75	25.00	1.75 :1	8	50.00

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RESULTS

TEAM	M	W	L	D	T	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Bangladesh	6	5	1	0	0	83.33	16.67	5.00 :1	2	33.33
England	361	152	112	97	0	42.11	31.02	1.36 :1	180	49.86
India	112	48	33	30	1	42.86	29.46	1.45 :1	60	53.57
New Zealand	62	36	8	18	0	58.06	12.90	4.50 :1	31	50.00
Pakistan	72	37	15	20	0	51.39	20.83	2.47 :1	36	50.00
South Africa	102	54	27	21	0	52.94	26.47	2.00 :1	51	50.00
Sri Lanka	35	22	5	8	0	62.86	14.29	4.40 :1	16	45.71
West Indies	123	64	33	25	1	52.03	26.83	1.94 :1	66	53.66
World XI	1	1	0	0	0	100.00	0.00	-	1	100.00
Zimbabwe	3	3	0	0	0	100.00	0.00	-	0	0.00
Total	**877**	**422**	**234**	**219**	**2**	**48.12**	**26.68**	**1.80 :1**	**443**	**50.51**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
8-758	WI	1954-55	Kingston
6-735	Zim	2003-04	Perth
6-729	Eng	1930	Lord's
701	Eng	1934	The Oval
695	Eng	1930	The Oval
6-674	Eng	2009	Cardiff
674	Ind	1947-48	Adelaide
7-604	Aus	2011-12	Adelaide

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
36	Eng	1902	Edgbaston
42	Eng	1887-88	Sydney
44	Eng	1896	The Oval
47	RSA	2011-12	Cape Town
53	Eng	1896	Lord's
(9-) 58	Eng	1936-37	Brisbane
60	Eng	2015	Trent Bridge
60	Eng	1888	Lord's

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
Ponting, RT	168	287	29	13378	257	51.85	41	62
Border, AR	156	265	44	11174	205	50.56	27	63
Waugh, SR	168	260	46	10927	200	51.06	32	50
Smith, SPD	119	212	25	10477	239	56.03	36	43
Warner, DA	112	205	8	8786	335*	44.60	26	37
Clarke, MJ	115	198	22	8643	329*	49.11	28	27
Hayden, ML	103	184	14	8625	380	50.74	30	29
Waugh, ME	128	209	17	8029	153*	41.82	20	47

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Hayden, ML	380	Zim	2003-04	Perth
Warner, DA	335*	Pak	2019-20	Adelaide
Taylor, MA	334*	Pak	1998-99	Peshawar
Bradman, DG	334	Eng	1930	Headingley
Clarke, MJ	329*	Ind	2011-12	Sydney
Simpson, RB	311	Eng	1964	Old Trafford
Cowper, RM	307	Eng	1965-66	Melbourne
Bradman, DG	304	Eng	1934	Headingley

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
1	382	Lawry, WM	Simpson, RB	WI	1964-65	Bridgetown
2	451	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Eng	1934	The Oval
3	315	Ponting, RT	Lehmann, DS	WI	2002-03	Port-of-Spain
4	449	Voges, AC	Marsh, SE	WI	2015-16	Hobart
5	405	Barnes, SG	Bradman, DG	Eng	1946-47	Sydney
6	346	Fingleton, JHW	Bradman, DG	Eng	1936-37	Melbourne
7	217	Walters, KD	Gilmour, GJ	NZ	1976-77	Christchurch
8	243	Hartigan, MJ	Hill, C	Eng	1907-08	Adelaide
9	154	Gregory, SE	Blackham, JM	Eng	1894-95	Sydney
10	163	Hughes, PJ	Agar, AC	Eng	2013	Trent Bridge

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
451	2nd	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Eng	1934	The Oval
449	4th	Voges, AC	Marsh, SE	WI	2015-16	Hobart
405	5th	Barnes, SG	Bradman, DG	Eng	1946-47	Sydney
388	4th	Ponsford, WH	Bradman, DG	Eng	1934	Headingley
386	4th	Ponting, RT	Clarke, MJ	Ind	2011-12	Adelaide
385	5th	Waugh, SR	Blewett, GS	RSA	1996-97	Wanderers
382	1st	Lawry, WM	Simpson, RB	WI	1964-65	Bridgetown

MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WI	10WM
Warne, SK	145	40704	1761	17995	708	25.42	8-71	37	10
McGrath, GD	124	29248	1471	12186	563	21.64	8-24	29	3
Lyon, NM	139	34502	1089	16942	562	30.15	8-50	24	5
Starc, MA	100	19094	607	10863	402	27.02	6-9	16	2
Lillee, DK	70	18467	652	8493	355	23.92	7-83	23	7
Johnson, MG	73	16001	514	8891	313	28.41	8-61	12	3
Lee, B	76	16531	546	9554	310	30.82	5-30	10	0
Cummins, PJ	71	14187	514	6829	309	22.10	6-23	14	2

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Mailey, AA	9	121	Eng	1920-21	Melbourne
McGrath, GD	8	24	Pak	2004-05	Perth
Laver, FJ	8	31	Eng	1909	Old Trafford
McGrath, GD	8	38	Eng	1997	Lord's
Trott, AE	8	43	Eng	1894-95	Adelaide
Lyon, NM	8	50	Ind	2016-17	Bangalore
Massie, RAL	8	53	Eng	1972	Lord's
Mallett, AA	8	59	Pak	1972-73	Adelaide

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BEST MATCH BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Massie, RAL	16	137	Eng	1972	Lord's
Spofforth, FR	14	90	Eng	1882	The Oval
Grimmett, CV	14	199	RSA	1931-32	Adelaide
Noble, MA	13	77	Eng	1901-02	Melbourne
Spofforth, FR	13	110	Eng	1878-79	Melbourne
Reid, BA	13	148	Eng	1990-91	Melbourne
Lyon, NM	13	154	Ban	2017	Chittagong
Grimmett, CV	13	173	RSA	1935-36	Kingsmead
Hughes, MG	13	217	WI	1988-89	Perth
Mailey, AA	13	236	Eng	1920-21	Melbourne

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	CT	M	C/M
Smith, SPD	201	119	1.69
Ponting, RT	196	168	1.17
Waugh, ME	181	128	1.41
Taylor, MA	157	104	1.51
Border, AR	156	156	1.00
Clarke, MJ	134	115	1.17
Hayden, ML	128	103	1.24
Warne, SK	125	145	0.86

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	BYES	W/IN	B/INN
Gilchrist, AC	96	191	379	37	416	604	2.18	3.16
Healy, IA	119	224	366	29	395	737	1.76	3.29
Marsh, RW	96	182	343	12	355	632	1.95	3.47
Haddin, BJ	66	128	262	8	270	650	2.11	5.08
Grout, ATW	51	98	163	24	187	424	1.91	4.33
Carey, AT	43	82	159	18	177	322	2.16	3.93
Paine, TD	35	68	150	7	157	324	2.31	4.76
Oldfield, WAS	54	101	78	52	130	424	1.29	4.20

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	M	W	L	D	T	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Border, AR	93	32	22	38	1	34.41	23.66	1.45 :1	46	49.46
Ponting, RT	77	48	16	13	0	62.34	20.78	3.00 :1	37	48.05
Waugh, SR	57	41	9	7	0	71.93	15.79	4.56 :1	31	54.39
Taylor, MA	50	26	13	11	0	52.00	26.00	2.00 :1	26	52.00
Chappell, GS	48	21	13	14	0	43.75	27.08	1.62 :1	29	60.42
Clarke, MJ	47	24	16	7	0	51.06	34.04	1.50 :1	24	51.06
Smith, SPD	40	23	10	7	0	57.50	25.00	2.30 :1	19	47.50
Simpson, RB	39	12	12	15	0	30.77	30.77	1.00 :1	19	48.72
Cummins, PJ	37	23	8	6	0	62.16	21.62	2.88 :1	19	51.35

England Test Records

RESULTS

ENG V..	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Australia	361	112	152	97	31.02	42.11	0.74 :1	181	50.14
Bangladesh	10	9	1	0	90.00	10.00	9.00 :1	4	40.00
India	141	53	37	51	37.59	26.24	1.43 :1	76	53.90
Ireland	2	2	0	0	100.00	0.00	-	2	100.00
New Zealand	115	54	14	47	46.96	12.17	3.86 :1	50	43.48
Pakistan	92	30	23	39	32.61	25.00	1.30 :1	41	44.57
South Africa	156	66	35	55	42.31	22.44	1.89 :1	83	53.21
Sri Lanka	39	19	9	11	48.72	23.08	2.11 :1	17	43.59
West Indies	166	54	59	53	32.53	35.54	0.92 :1	80	48.19
Zimbabwe	7	4	0	3	57.14	0.00	-	2	28.57
Total	**1089**	**403**	**330**	**356**	**37.01**	**30.30**	**1.22 :1**	**536**	**49.22**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
7-903	Aus	1938	The Oval
849	WI	1929-30	Kingston
7-823	Pak	2024-25	Multan
7-710	Ind	2011	Edgbaston
669	Ind	2025	Old Trafford
8-658	Aus	1938	Trent Bridge
657	Pak	2022-23	Rawalpindi
5-654	RSA	1938-39	Kingsmead
4-653	Ind	1990	Lord's
7-652	Ind	1984-85	Chepauk

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
45	Aus	1886-87	Sydney
46	WI	1993-94	Port-of-Spain
51	WI	2008-09	Kingston
52	Aus	1948	The Oval
53	Aus	1888	Lord's
58	NZ	2017-18	Auckland
60	Eng	2015	Trent Bridge
60	Eng	1888	Lord's

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
Root, JE	158	288	24	13543	262	51.30	39	66
Cook, AN	161	291	16	12472	294	45.35	33	57
Gooch, GA	118	215	6	8900	333	42.58	20	46
Stewart, AJ	133	235	21	8463	190	39.55	15	45
Gower, DI	117	204	18	8231	215	44.25	18	39
Pietersen, KP	104	181	8	8181	227	47.29	23	35
Boycott, G	108	193	23	8114	246*	47.73	22	42

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Hutton, L	364	Aus	1938	The Oval
Hammond, WR	336*	NZ	1932-33	Auckland
Gooch, GA	333	Ind	1990	Lord's
Sandham, A	325	WI	1929-30	Kingston
Brook, HC	317	Pak	2024-25	Multan
Edrich, JH	310*	NZ	1965	Headingley

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
1	359	Hutton, L	Washbrook, C	RSA	1948-49	Ellis Park
2	382	Hutton, L	Leyland, M	Aus	1938	The Oval
3	370	Edrich, WJ	Compton, DCS	RSA	1947	Lord's
4	454	Root, JE	Brook, HC	Pak	2024-25	Multan
5	359	Crawley, Z	Buttler, JC	Pak	2020	Rose Bowl
6	399	Stokes, BA	Bairstow, JM	RSA	2015-16	Cape Town
7	241	Bairstow, JM	Overton, J	NZ	2022	Headingley
8	332	Trott, IJL	Broad, SCJ	Pak	2010	Lord's
9	163*	Cowdrey, MC	Smith, AC	NZ	1962-63	Wellington
10	198	Root, JE	Anderson, JM	Ind	2014	Trent Bridge

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
454	4th	Root, JE	Brook, HC	Pak	2024-25	Multan
411	4th	May, PBH	Cowdrey, MC	WI	1957	Edgbaston
399	6th	Stokes, BA	Bairstow, JM	RSA	2015-16	Cape Town
382	2nd	Hutton, L	Leyland, M	Aus	1938	The Oval
370	3rd	Edrich, WJ	Compton, DCS	RSA	1947	Lord's
369	2nd	Edrich, JH	Barrington, KF	NZ	1965	Headingley
359	5th	Crawley, Z	Buttler, JC	Pak	2020	Rose Bowl
359	1st	Hutton, L	Washbrook, C	RSA	1948-49	Ellis Park

MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WI	10WM
Anderson, JM	188	40037	1730	18627	704	26.46	7-42	32	3
Broad, SCJ	167	33698	1304	16719	604	27.68	8-15	20	3
Botham, IT	102	21815	788	10878	383	28.40	8-34	27	4
Willis, RGD	90	17357	554	8190	325	25.20	8-43	16	0
Trueman, FS	67	15178	522	6625	307	21.58	8-31	17	3
Underwood, DL	86	21862	1239	7674	297	25.84	8-51	17	6
Swann, GP	60	15349	493	7642	255	29.97	6-65	17	3
Statham, JB	70	16056	595	6261	252	24.85	7-39	9	1

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Laker, JC	10	53	Aus	1956	Old Trafford
Lohmann, GA	9	28	RSA	1895-96	Old Wanderers
Laker, JC	9	37	Aus	1956	Old Trafford
Malcolm, DE	9	57	RSA	1994	The Oval
Barnes, SF	9	103	RSA	1913-14	Old Wanderers
Lohmann, GA	8	7	RSA	1895-96	Port Elizabeth
Briggs, J	8	11	RSA	1888-89	Cape Town
Broad, SCJ	8	15	Aus	2015	Trent Bridge

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BEST MATCH BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Laker, JC	19	90	Aus	1956	Old Trafford
Barnes, SF	17	159	RSA	1913-14	Old Wanderers
Briggs, J	15	28	RSA	1888-89	Cape Town
Lohmann, GA	15	45	RSA	1895-96	Port Elizabeth
Blythe, C	15	99	RSA	1907	Headingley
Verity, H	15	104	Aus	1934	Lord's
Rhodes, W	15	124	Aus	1903-04	Melbourne

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	CT	M	C/M
Root, JE	213	158	1.35
Cook, AN	175	161	1.09
Strauss, AJ	121	100	1.21
Cowdrey, MC	120	114	1.05
Botham, IT	120	102	1.18
Stokes, BA	113	115	0.98
Hammond, WR	110	85	1.29

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	BYES	W/IN	B/INN
Knott, APE	95	175	250	19	269	422	1.54	2.41
Prior, MJ	79	147	243	13	256	773	1.74	5.26
Stewart, AJ	82	142	227	14	241	462	1.70	3.25
Bairstow, JM	56	107	207	14	221	453	2.07	4.23
Evans, TG	91	175	173	46	219	694	1.25	3.97
Taylor, RW	57	106	167	7	174	280	1.64	2.64
Russell, RC	54	97	153	12	165	278	1.70	2.87

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Root, JE	64	27	26	11	42.19	40.63	1.04 :1	38	59.38
Cook, AN	59	24	22	13	40.68	37.29	1.09 :1	28	47.46
Atherton, MA	54	13	21	20	24.07	38.89	0.62 :1	23	42.59
Vaughan, MP	51	26	11	14	50.98	21.57	2.36 :1	23	45.10
Strauss, AJ	50	24	11	15	48.00	22.00	2.18 :1	27	54.00
Hussain, N	45	17	15	13	37.78	33.33	1.13 :1	19	42.22
May, PBH	41	20	10	11	48.78	24.39	2.00 :1	26	63.41

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V..	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
England	53	14	9	30	26.42	16.98	1.56 :1	20	37.74
India	11	4	1	6	36.36	9.09	4.00 :1	6	54.55
New Zealand	13	4	1	8	30.77	7.69	4.00 :1	6	46.15
South Africa	1	1	0	0	100.00	0.00	-	1	100.00
West Indies	2	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	-	0	0.00
Total	**80**	**23**	**11**	**46**	**28.75**	**13.75**	**2.09 :1**	**33**	**41.25**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
9-575	RSA	2023-24	Perth
6-569	Eng	1998	Guildford
525	Ind	1983-84	Ahmedabad
473	Eng	2023	Trent Bridge
9-448	Eng	2017-18	North Sydney
440	Eng	2024-25	Melbourne
4-427	Eng	1998	Worcester
8-420	Eng	2019	Taunton

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
38	Eng	1957-58	St. Kilda
(9-) 47	Eng	1934-35	Brisbane
78	Eng	2002-03	Brisbane
83	Eng	1951	The Oval
102	Eng	1937	Northampton

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
Rolton, KL	14	22	4	1002	209*	55.67	2	5
Perry, EA	14	23	7	930	213*	58.13	2	4
Clark, BJ	15	25	5	919	136	45.95	2	6
Wilson, ER	11	16	1	862	127	57.47	3	3
Annetts, DA	10	13	3	819	193	81.90	2	6
Cook, P	13	20	1	765	105	40.26	1	4
Haggett, BJ	10	15	2	762	144	58.62	2	4
Kennare, J	12	19	0	702	131	36.95	3	2

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Perry, EA	213*	Eng	2017-18	North Sydney
Sutherland, AJ	210	RSA	2023-24	Perth
Rolton, KL	209*	Eng	2001	Headingley
Goszko, MAJ	204	Eng	2001	Shenley
Broadbent, J	200	Eng	1998	Guildford
Annetts, DA	193	Eng	1987	Collingham
Rolton, KL	176*	Eng	1998	Worcester

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
1	178	Haggett, BJ	Clark, BJ	Ind	1990-91	North Sydney
2	177	Haggett, BJ	Annetts, DA	Ind	1990-91	Richmond
3	309	Reeler, LA	Annetts, DA	Eng	1987	Collingham
4	253	Rolton, KL	Broadfoot, LC	Eng	2001	Headingley
5	136	Sthalekar, LC	Blackwell, AJ	Eng	2002-03	Bankstown
6	229	Fields, JM	Haynes, RL	Eng	2009	Worcester
7	103	Perry, EA	McGrath, TM	Eng	2017-18	North Sydney
8	181	Griffiths, SJ	Wilson, DL	NZ	1989-90	Auckland
9	95	Sutherland, AJ	Garth, KJ	Eng	2023	Trent Bridge
10	119	Nitschke, S	Smith, CR	Eng	2005	Hove

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
309	3rd	Reeler, LA	Annetts, DA	Eng	1987	Collingham
253	4th	Rolton, KL	Broadfoot, LC	Eng	2001	Headingley
229	6th	Fields, JM	Haynes, RL	Eng	2009	Worcester
222	4th	Annetts, DA	Larsen, LA	Eng	1991-92	North Sydney
220	4th	Broadbent, J	Jones, M	Eng	1998	Guildford
181	8th	Griffiths, SJ	Wilson, DL	NZ	1989-90	Auckland
178	1st	Haggett, BJ	Clark, BJ	Ind	1990-91	North Sydney
177	2nd	Haggett, BJ	Annetts, DA	Ind	1990-91	Richmond

MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WI	10WM
Wilson, ER	11	2885	172	803	68	11.81	7-7	4	2
Fitzpatrick, CL	13	3603	216	1147	60	19.12	5-29	2	0
Thompson, RH	16	4304	276	1040	57	18.25	5-33	1	0
Wilson, DL	11	2812	160	880	48	18.33	5-27	2	0
Fullston, LA	12	3610	237	1047	41	25.54	4-53	0	0
Perry, EA	14	2061	79	851	39	21.82	6-32	2	0
Knee, M	8	2274	116	570	35	16.29	5-35	2	0
Antonio, P	6	990	39	431	31	13.90	6-49	3	0
Tredrea, SA	10	2455	133	784	30	26.13	4-22	0	0

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Gardner, AK	8	66	Eng	2023	Trent Bridge
Wilson, ER	7	7	Eng	1957-58	St. Kilda
Palmer, A	7	18	Eng	1934-35	Brisbane
Johnston, L	7	24	NZ	1971-72	St. Kilda
Wilson, ER	6	23	Eng	1948-49	Adelaide
Wilson, ER	6	28	NZ	1947-48	Wellington
Perry, EA	6	32	Eng	2015	Canterbury
Antonio, P	6	49	Eng	1934-35	Melbourne

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BEST MATCH BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Gardner, AK	12	165	Eng	2023	Trent Bridge
Wilson, ER	11	16	Eng	1957-58	St. Kilda
Wilson, ER	10	65	NZ	1947-48	Wellington
Price, K	10	107	Ind	1983-84	Lucknow
Gordon, DA	10	118	Eng	1968-69	St. Kilda
Wilson, ER	9	62	Eng	1948-49	Adelaide
Perry, EA	9	70	Eng	2015	Canterbury

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	CT	M	C/M
Fullston, LA	20	12	1.67
Reeler, LA	12	10	1.20
Cook, P	12	13	0.92
Annetts, DA	12	10	1.20
Whiteman, BN	12	7	1.71
Thompson, RH	12	16	0.75
Larsen, LA	11	15	0.73

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	W/IN	B/INN
Matthews, C	20	37	46	12	58	1.57	3.49
Jennings, MJ	8	14	14	10	24	1.71	4.64
Healy, AJ	9	17	22	2	24	1.41	4.94
Price, JC	10	19	20	2	22	1.16	3.89
Larter, L	7	14	7	9	16	1.14	6.50
Fields, JM	4	8	11	0	11	1.38	2.13
Smith, D	4	8	6	5	11	1.38	5.38

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Clark, BJ	11	3	1	7	27.27	9.09	3.00 :1	6	54.55
Larsen, LA	10	5	0	5	50.00	0.00	-	2	20.00
Dive, MC	7	3	1	3	42.86	14.29	3.00 :1	3	42.86
Peden, MEM	6	1	3	2	16.67	50.00	0.33 :1	4	66.67
Gordon, DA	5	0	0	5	0.00	0.00	-	0	0.00

Alyssa Healy: 24 dismissals in Tests for Australia

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RESULTS

V..	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Australia	11	1	4	6	9.09	36.36	0.25 :1	5	45.45
England	15	3	1	11	20.00	6.67	3.00 :1	8	53.33
New Zealand	6	0	0	6	0.00	0.00	-	4	66.67
South Africa	3	3	0	0	100.00	0.00	-	3	100.00
West Indies	6	1	1	4	16.67	16.67	1.00 :1	0	0.00
Total	**41**	**8**	**6**	**27**	**19.51**	**14.63**	**1.33 :1**	**20**	**48.78**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
6-603	RSA	2024	Chepauk
467	Eng	2002	Taunton
428	Eng	2023-24	Mumbai
9-426	Eng	1986	Blackpool
406	Aus	2023-24	Wankhede
9-404	RSA	2001-02	Paarl
6-400	RSA	2014-15	Mysore

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
65	WI	1976-77	Jammu
92	Aus	1990-91	Richmond
93	Aus	2005-06	Adelaide
114	Eng	2014	Wormsley (SPG)

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50
Agarwal, S	13	23	1	1110	190	50.45	4	4
Rangaswamy, S	16	26	3	750	108	32.61	1	6
Kulkarni, S	19	32	2	700	118	23.33	1	2
Raj, MD	12	19	3	699	214	43.69	1	4
Mandhana, SS	7	12	1	629	149	57.18	2	3
Bannerji, G	12	22	0	614	75	27.91	0	6
Shah, S	21	38	6	601	62*	18.78	0	1

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Raj, MD	214	Eng	2002	Taunton
Verma, Sh	205	RSA	2024	Chepauk
Thirush Kamini, MD	192	RSA	2014-15	Mysore
Agarwal, S	190	Eng	1986	Worcester
Mandhana, SS	149	RSA	2024	Chepauk
Agarwal, S	134	Aus	1983-84	Wankhede
Agarwal, S	132	Eng	1986	Blackpool
Raut, PG	130	RSA	2014-15	Mysore

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
1	292	Verma, Sh	Mandhana, SS	RSA	2024	Chepauk
2	275	Thirush Kamini, MD	Raut, PG	RSA	2014-15	Mysore
3	136	Raj, MD	Chopra, A	Eng	2006	Taunton
4	144	Raj, MD	Kala, H	Eng	2002	Taunton
5	143	Kaur, H	Ghosh, RM	RSA	2024	Chepauk
6	93	Agarwal, S	Dey, R	Aus	1983-84	Wankhede
7	157	Raj, MD	Goswami, JN	Eng	2002	Taunton
8	122	Sharma, DB	Vastrakar, P	Aus	2023-24	Wankhede
9	104*	Rana, S	Bhatia, T	Eng	2021	Bristol
10	78	Gupta, S	Chakraborty, S	Aus	1983-84	Lucknow

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		V..	SEASON	VENUE
292	1st	Verma, Sh	Mandhana, SS	RSA	2024	Chepauk
275	2nd	Thirush Kamini, MD	Raut, PG	RSA	2014-15	Mysore
167	1st	Mandhana, SS	Verma, Sh	Eng	2021	Bristol
157	7th	Raj, MD	Goswami, JN	Eng	2002	Taunton
153	1st	Bannerji, G	Agarwal, S	Aus	1983-84	Wankhede
144	4th	Raj, MD	Kala, H	Eng	2002	Taunton
143	5th	Kaur, H	Ghosh, RM	RSA	2024	Chepauk

MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WI	10WM
Edulji, DF	20	5248	258	1624	63	25.78	6-64	1	0
Kulkarni, S	19	3470	87	1647	60	27.45	6-99	5	0
Goswami, JN	12	2266	126	764	44	17.36	5-25	3	1
David, N	10	2662	187	775	41	18.90	8-53	1	0
Gupta, S	13	1962	87	782	25	31.28	4-47	0	0
Rana, S	4	957	29	482	23	20.96	8-77	1	1
Rangaswamy, S	16	1585	63	676	21	32.19	4-42	0	0
Chakraborty, S	11	1376	62	473	20	23.65	5-25	1	0
Sharma, DB	5	981	42	362	20	18.10	5-7	1	0

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
David, N	8	53	Eng	1995-96	Jamshedpur
Rana, S	8	77	RSA	2024	Chepauk
Bannerji, G	6	9	NZ	1984-85	Cuttack
Edulji, DF	6	64	Aus	1983-84	Delhi
Kulkarni, S	6	99	Aus	1976-77	Perth
Kulkarni, S	6	99	NZ	1984-85	Ahmedabad
Perry, EA	6	32	Eng	2015	Canterbury
Antonio, P	6	49	Eng	1934-35	Melbourne

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BEST MATCH BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Goswami, JN	10	78	Eng	2006	Taunton
Rana, S	10	188	RSA	2024	Chepauk
Sharma, DB	9	39	Eng	2023-24	Mumbai
Kaur, H	9	85	RSA	2014-15	Mysore
David, N	9	90	Eng	1995-96	Jamshedpur
Gupta, S	8	100	Aus	1983-84	Lucknow

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	CT	M	C/M
Shah, S	21	21	1.00
Kulkarni, S	14	19	0.74
Chopra, A	13	12	1.08
Raj, MD	12	12	1.00
Rangaswamy, S	10	16	0.63
Edulji, DF	8	20	0.40
Dabir, S	6	4	1.50

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	BYES	W/IN	B/INN
Jain, A	8	14	15	8	23	59	1.64	4.21
Jain, KV	5	9	14	3	17	35	1.89	3.89
Khalili, F	8	13	6	11	17	55	1.31	4.23
Barve, N	6	11	4	11	15	65	1.36	5.91

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Rangaswamy, S	12	1	2	9	8.33	16.67	0.50 :1	3	25.00
Raj, MD	8	3	1	4	37.50	12.50	3.00 :1	4	50.00
Edulji, DF	4	0	0	4	0.00	0.00	-	2	50.00
Kulkarni, S	3	0	1	2	0.00	33.33	0.00 :1	3	100.00
Kaur, H	3	3	0	0	100.00	0.00	-	2	66.67
Chopra, A	3	1	0	2	33.33	0.00	-	2	66.67
Janardhan, P	3	0	1	2	0.00	33.33	0.00 :1	2	66.67

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RESULTS

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	A	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Perth Scorchers	167	101	64	2	0	60.48	38.32	1.58 :1	91	54.49
Sydney Sixers	166	97	64	4	1	58.43	38.55	1.52 :1	85	51.20
Melbourne Stars	160	77	82	1	0	48.13	51.25	0.94 :1	85	53.13
Hobart Hurricanes	156	77	77	2	0	49.36	49.36	1.00 :1	74	47.44
Adelaide Strikers	157	76	78	3	0	48.41	49.68	0.97 :1	72	45.86
Brisbane Heat	157	71	84	2	0	45.22	53.50	0.85 :1	79	50.32
Sydney Thunder	156	64	87	5	0	41.03	55.77	0.74 :1	73	46.79
Melbourne Renegades	151	61	88	1	1	40.40	58.28	0.69 :1	76	50.33
Total	**635**	**624**	**624**	**10**	**1**	**98.27**	**98.27**	**1.00 :1**	**635**	**100.00**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
2-273	MS	HH	2021-22	Melbourne
5-251	AS	BH	2024-25	Adelaide
5-232	ST	SS	2020-21	Adelaide
3-230	AS	HH	2022-23	Adelaide
4-229	HH	AS	2022-23	Adelaide
7-229	PS	MS	2022-23	St. Kilda
6-228	ST	HH	2022-23	Albury
5-224	BH	SS	2022-23	Brisbane
8-223	HH	MR	2016-17	Docklands
4-222	MR	HH	2016-17	Docklands
3-220	SS	PS	2024-25	Sydney

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
9-90	AS	MS	2013-14	Melbourne
9-99	SS	ST	2016-17	Sydney
9-99	MR	SS	2018-19	Docklands
9-102	HH	MR	2012-13	Docklands
6-104	ST	BH	2011-12	Brisbane (Gab)
8-106	SS	BH	2021-22	Sydney
8-106	ST	MS	2014-15	Olympic Park
8-107	PS	HH	2018-19	Launceston
9-108	MS	MR	2022-23	Melbourne
4-222	MR	HH	2016-17	Docklands
3-220	SS	PS	2024-25	Sydney

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50	SCRT
Lynn, CA	127	125	16	3955	101	36.28	1	31	149.81
Finch, AJ	107	105	9	3311	111*	34.49	2	26	131.13
Maxwell, GJ	118	113	21	3241	154*	35.23	2	21	155.37
Henriques, MC	141	133	26	3139	77	29.34	0	17	129.50
Short, DJM	102	102	10	3138	122*	34.11	2	23	131.46
Wells, JW	138	126	37	2999	73	33.70	0	14	122.11
Stoinis, MP	112	108	18	2977	147*	33.08	1	19	133.32
Wade, MS	108	104	12	2817	130*	30.62	1	19	140.78
Marsh, SE	79	79	10	2810	99*	40.72	0	27	129.25
McDermott, BR	103	99	18	2782	127	34.35	3	16	138.41

HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Maxwell, GJ	154*	MS	HH	2021-22	Melbourne
Stoinis, MP	147*	MS	SS	2019-20	Melbourne
Brown, JSC	140	BH	AS	2023-24	Carrara
Wade, MS	130*	HH	AS	2019-20	Adelaide
McDermott, BR	127	HH	MR	2021-22	Docklands
Smith, SPD	125*	SS	ST	2022-23	Sydney
Short, DJM	122*	HH	BH	2017-18	Brisbane
Smith, SPD	121*	SS	PS	2024-25	Sydney
Wright, LJ	117	MS	HH	2011-12	Hobart

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RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
1	207	Stoinis, MP	Cartwright, HWR	MS	SS	2019-20	Melbourne
2	167*	Philippe, JR	Vince, JM	SS	HH	2018-19	Sydney
3	155*	Smith, SPD	Henriques, MC	SS	ST	2022-23	Sydney
4	151	Clarke, JM	Cartwright, HWR	MS	BH	2021-22	Brisbane
5	137	Stoinis, MP	Faulkner, JP	MS	BH	2017-18	Brisbane
5	137*	Bancroft, CT	Cartwright, HWR	PS	ST	2017-18	Olympic Park
6	94*	Mohammad Nabi	Christian, DT	MR	AS	2018-19	Adelaide
7	88	Curran, TK	Abbott, SA	SS	ST	2018-19	Olympic Park
8	81	Maxwell, GJ	Usama Mir	MS	MR	2024-25	Docklands
9	84*	Doggett, BJ	Boyce, CJ	AS	PS	2024-25	Adelaide
10	61*	Worrall, DJ	Briggs, DR	AS	HH	2020-21	Hobart

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
207	1st	Stoinis, MP	Cartwright, HWR	MS	SS	2019-20	Melbourne
203	1st	Wade, MS	Short, DJM	HH	AS	2019-20	Adelaide
172	1st	Quiney, RJ	Wright, LJ	MS	HH	2011-12	Hobart
171*	1st	Marsh, SE	Klinger, M	PS	MR	2015-16	Docklands
171	1st	Carey, AT	Weatherald, JB	AS	HH	2017-18	Adelaide
167*	2nd	Philippe, JR	Vince, JM	SS	HH	2018-19	Sydney
160	1st	Hussey, MEK	Kallis, JH	ST	BH	2014-15	Homebush
158*	1st	Bryant, MA	Cutting, BCJ	BH	MS	2018-19	Brisbane
158*	1st	Wade, MS	Short, DJM	HH	AS	2018-19	Adelaide
157*	2nd	Crawley, Z	Hardie, AM	PS	HH	2023-24	PerthStadium
155*	3rd	Smith, SPD	Henriques, MC	SS	ST	2022-23	Sydney

MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WM	SR	R/6BO
Abbott, SA	125	2502	3	3529	175	20.17	5-16	1	14.30	8.46
Tye, AJ	117	2488	3	3304	161	20.52	5-23	1	15.45	7.97
Dwarshuis, BJ	117	2459	4	3329	148	22.49	5-21	2	16.61	8.12
Richardson, KW	116	2481	6	3241	141	22.99	4-22	0	17.60	7.84
Behrendorff, JP	106	2311	6	2704	140	19.31	4-22	0	16.51	7.02
Zampa, A	117	2581	1	3138	132	23.77	5-17	1	19.55	7.29
Sams, DR	90	1763	2	2505	116	21.59	5-30	1	15.20	8.53
Neser, MG	103	2001	3	2803	115	24.37	4-25	0	17.40	8.40
Boyce, CJ	104	2193	0	2749	113	24.33	5-21	1	19.41	7.52
Siddle, PM	93	1895	3	2403	111	21.65	5-16	2	17.07	7.61
Laughlin, B	96	1999	1	2694	111	24.27	4-26	0	18.01	8.09

BBL Records

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	FOR	V..	INN	M#	SEASON	VENUE
Malinga, SL	6	7	MS	PS	1	5	2012-13	Perth
Sodhi, IS	6	11	AS	ST	1	29	2016-17	Olympic Park
Rashid Khan	6	17	AS	BH	1	44	2021-22	Brisbane
Thornton, HTRJY	5	3	AS	ST	1	5	2022-23	Olympic Park
Christian, DT	5	14	HH	AS	1	14	2016-17	Hobart
Mujeeb Zadran	5	15	BH	HH	1	20	2020-21	Brisbane
Abbott, SA	5	16	SS	AS	1	11	2016-17	Adelaide
Siddle, PM	5	16	AS	HH	1	8	2020-21	Launceston
Rogers, TS	5	16	MR	MS	1	27	2022-23	Melbourne
McAndrew, NJ	5	16	ST	MS	1	40	2024-25	Olympic Park

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	BYES	W/IN	B/INN
Philippe, JR	100	100	85	14	99	39	0.99	0.39
Peirson, JJ	112	112	64	17	81	66	0.72	0.59
Inglis, JP	74	74	62	17	79	31	1.07	0.42
Harper, SB	87	87	55	10	65	73	0.75	0.84
Wade, MS	91	91	56	8	64	55	0.70	0.60
Carey, AT	59	59	53	7	60	35	1.02	0.59
Handscomb, PSP	49	49	33	11	44	31	0.90	0.63
Billings, SW	40	40	31	6	37	20	0.93	0.50
Ludeman, TP	50	50	31	4	35	21	0.70	0.42
Paine, TD	40	40	26	9	35	16	0.88	0.40

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	CT	M	C/M
Maxwell, GJ	89	118	0.75
Silk, JC	85	135	0.63
Abbott, SA	70	125	0.56
Christian, DT	69	140	0.49
Henriques, MC	67	141	0.48
Green, CJ	65	110	0.59
Neser, MG	52	103	0.50
Agar, AC	51	94	0.54
Cutting, BCJ	50	117	0.43
Cartwright, HWR	50	103	0.49

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	M	W	L	D	NR	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Henriques, MC	116	69	42	4	1	59.48	36.21	1.64 :1	55	47.41
Finch, AJ	78	34	44	0	0	43.59	56.41	0.77 :1	36	46.15
Turner, AJ	69	44	23	2	0	63.77	33.33	1.91 :1	34	49.28
Maxwell, GJ	65	34	30	1	0	52.31	46.15	1.13 :1	38	58.46
Wade, MS	52	24	27	1	0	46.15	51.92	0.89 :1	26	50.00
Lynn, CA	50	21	28	1	0	42.00	56.00	0.75 :1	24	48.00
Ferguson, CJ	32	16	15	1	0	50.00	46.88	1.07 :1	14	43.75
White, CL	32	19	13	0	0	59.38	40.63	1.46 :1	14	43.75
Green, CJ	31	13	17	1	0	41.94	54.84	0.76 :1	15	48.39
Botha, J	31	16	13	2	0	51.61	41.94	1.23 :1	11	35.48
Voges, AC	31	21	10	0	0	67.74	32.26	2.10 :1	22	70.97
Watson, SR	30	13	16	1	0	43.33	53.33	0.81 :1	19	63.33

Sophie Devine: 3960 career WBBL runs.

WBBL Records

RESULTS

TEAM	M	W	L	T	NR	A	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Brisbane Heat	148	88	58	0	2	0	59.46	39.19	1.52 :1	73	49.32
Sydney Sixers	143	81	58	1	2	1	56.64	40.56	1.40 :1	82	57.34
Perth Scorchers	143	75	64	1	2	1	52.45	44.76	1.17 :1	68	47.55
Adelaide Strikers	142	73	65	0	4	0	51.41	45.77	1.12 :1	63	44.37
Sydney Thunder	142	69	64	0	7	2	48.59	45.07	1.08 :1	76	53.52
Melbourne Renegades	137	57	77	0	3	0	41.61	56.20	0.74 :1	62	45.26
Melbourne Stars	134	53	75	0	6	0	39.55	55.97	0.71 :1	72	53.73
Hobart Hurricanes	137	49	84	0	2	2	35.77	61.31	0.58 :1	67	48.91
Total	**563**	**545**	**545**	**1**	**14**	**3**	**96.80**	**96.80**	**1.00 :1**	**563**	**100.00**

HIGHEST TOTALS

SCORE	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
4-242	SS	MS	2017-18	North Sydney
7-229	BH	PS	2023-24	North Sydney
3-212	HH	MR	2023-24	Hobart
5-212	ST	AS	2024-25	North Sydney
4-207	MR	BH	2021-22	Adelaide
1-206	SS	AS	2018-19	Sydney
4-204	ST	BH	2023-24	North Sydney
3-203	HH	PS	2024-25	Sydney
6-200	ST	MR	2017-18	North Sydney

LOWEST TOTALS

SCORE	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
9-80	SS	MS	2015-16	Drummoyne
9-82	AS	PS	2016-17	Adelaide
9-83	BH	SS	2016-17	Drummoyne
8-83	MR	AS	2021-22	Adelaide
9-85	MS	MR	2015-16	Melbourne
9-86	MS	ST	2020-21	North Sydney
8-88	ST	PS	2022-23	Blacktown
7-90	PS	MS	2018-19	Casey

MOST CAREER RUNS

PLAYER	M	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	100	50	SCRT
Mooney, BL	142	141	32	5051	102	46.34	3	44	125.24
Perry, EA	134	131	35	4689	103*	48.84	2	32	109.10
Devine, SFM	130	129	19	3960	106	36.00	4	22	127.50
Villani, EJ	138	135	19	3695	100*	31.85	1	25	114.15
Lanning, MM	98	97	15	3167	101	38.62	1	31	120.19
Healy, AJ	120	118	6	3006	112*	26.84	5	15	134.38
Harris, GM	131	128	11	2854	136*	24.39	3	13	130.50
du Preez, M	110	106	9	2674	88	27.57	0	19	115.11
Redmayne, GP	125	118	13	2664	98*	25.37	0	17	105.09
Mack, KM	140	128	23	2664	89*	25.37	0	12	104.68
Gardner, AK	135	129	11	2607	114	22.09	1	13	120.92

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HIGHEST SCORES

PLAYER	SCORE	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Lee, L	150*	HH	PS	2024-25	Sydney
Harris, GM	136*	BH	PS	2023-24	North Sydney
Mandhana, SS	114*	ST	MR	2021-22	Mackay
Gardner, AK	114	SS	MS	2017-18	North Sydney
Healy, AJ	112*	SS	AS	2018-19	Hurstville
Healy, AJ	111	SS	MS	2020-21	North Sydney
Healy, AJ	107*	SS	PS	2022-23	St. Kilda
Priest, RH	107*	HH	MS	2021-22	Hobart
Healy, AJ	106*	SS	MS	2019-20	Perth
Devine, SFM	106	PS	BH	2023-24	Albion
Healy, AJ	106	SS	AS	2017-18	Hurstville

RECORD WICKET PARTNERSHIPS

WKT	RUNS	PLAYERS		FOR	VS	SEASON	VENUE
1	199*	Perry, EA	Healy, AJ	SS	MS	2019-20	Perth
2	156*	Lanning, MM	du Preez, M	MS	AS	2015-16	St. Kilda
3	135*	Mooney, BL	Atapattu, C	PS	ST	2021-22	Rolton
4	123	Mooney, BL	Kapp, M	PS	MR	2022-23	St. Kilda
5	126	Osborne, EA	du Preez, M	MS	HH	2018-19	Burnie
6	92*	Burns, EA	Ecclestone, S	SS	BH	2022-23	North Sydney
7	84	Stalenberg, NE	Silver-Holmes, HI	HH	PS	2023-24	Perth
7	84	Gardner, AK	Brown, MJ	SS	MS	2023-24	North Sydney
8	64*	Darlington, HJ	Peschel, TCJ	ST	BH	2024-25	Albion
9	55	Redmayne, GP	Hepburn, BL	HH	SS	2018-19	Hobart
10	34	Barsby, JL	Mushangwe, AC	AS	ST	2024-25	North Sydney
10	34*	King, AM	Peschel, TCJ	PS	MS	2023-24	St. Kilda

HIGHEST PARTNERSHIPS

RUNS	WKT	PLAYERS		FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
199*	1st	Perry, EA	Healy, AJ	SS	MS	2019-20	Perth
173	1st	Devine, SFM	Mooney, BL	PS	ST	2021-22	Launceston
165	1st	Devine, SFM	Mooney, BL	PS	MR	2021-22	Perth
165	1st	Harris, GM	Redmayne, GP	BH	MR	2022-23	Mackay
156*	2nd	Lanning, MM	du Preez, M	MS	AS	2015-16	St. Kilda
156	1st	Mooney, BL	Harris, GM	BH	SS	2015-16	Aquinas College
154	1st	Bolton, NE	Lanning, MM	PS	HH	2019-20	Lilac Hill
154	2nd	Healy, AJ	Perry, EA	SS	PS	2022-23	St. Kilda
151	1st	Bates, SW	Healy, AJ	SS	MR	2022-23	Ballarat
151	1st	Devine, SFM	Mooney, BL	PS	SS	2020-21	Hurstville
150	1st	Perry, EA	Healy, AJ	SS	MS	2020-21	North Sydney
150	1st	Healy, AJ	Perry, EA	SS	AS	2018-19	Hurstville
150	2nd	Perry, EA	Gardner, AK	SS	MS	2017-18	North Sydney

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MOST CAREER WICKETS

PLAYER	M	BALLS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	AVE	BEST	5WM	SR	R/6BO
Jonassen, JL	147	3125	3	3433	179	19.18	4-13	0	17.46	6.59
Strano, MR	139	2813	6	3127	159	19.67	5-15	1	17.69	6.67
Wellington, A	142	2743	3	3104	157	19.77	5-8	2	17.47	6.79
Schutt, M	137	3048	13	3003	149	20.15	6-19	1	20.46	5.91
Graham, HL	138	2573	2	3072	141	21.79	3-12	0	18.25	7.16
Carey, NJ	136	2632	3	3163	137	23.09	4-12	0	19.21	7.21
Kapp, M	134	2889	16	2703	133	20.32	4-10	0	21.72	5.61
King, AM	121	2269	1	2544	126	20.19	5-16	1	18.01	6.73
Coyte, SJ	129	2403	3	2784	121	23.01	3-9	0	19.86	6.95
Bates, SL	129	2639	7	2699	120	22.49	4-21	0	21.99	6.14

BEST INNINGS BOWLING

PLAYER	W	RC	FOR	V..	SEASON	VENUE
Schutt, M	6	19	AS	ST	2022-23	North Sydney
Wellington, A	5	8	AS	MR	2022-23	Rolton
Wellington, A	5	8	AS	BH	2021-22	Adelaide
Hamilton, LK	5	8	BH	MS	2024-25	Drummoyne
Darlington, HJ	5	10	ST	MS	2023-24	North Sydney
Strano, MR	5	15	MR	MS	2015-16	Melbourne
King, AM	5	16	PS	BH	2024-25	Perth
Satterthwaite, AE	5	17	HH	ST	2016-17	Hobart
Smith, LG	5	17	ST	PS	2022-23	Perth
Matthews, HK	5	19	HH	BH	2016-17	Hobart

MOST CATCHES IN THE FIELD

PLAYER	CT	M	C/M
Harris, GM	62	131	0.47
Perry, EA	60	134	0.45
Burns, EA	59	117	0.50
Bates, SW	56	104	0.54
Villani, EJ	55	138	0.40
Gardner, AK	54	135	0.40
Patterson, BE	52	140	0.37
Devine, SFM	52	130	0.40

MOST WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

PLAYER	M	INN	CT	ST	TOTAL	BYES	W/IN	B/INN
Redmayne, GP	113	113	66	46	112	38	0.99	0.34
Mooney, BL	140	140	64	42	106	124	0.76	0.89
Healy, AJ	119	119	54	44	98	89	0.82	0.75
McPharlin, TJ	104	104	49	40	89	55	0.86	0.53
Priest, RH	96	96	34	40	74	46	0.77	0.48
Faltum, NM	77	77	29	18	47	47	0.61	0.61
Inglis, EJ	58	58	21	25	46	60	0.79	1.03
Dooley, JE	64	64	28	13	41	45	0.64	0.70

CAPTAINCY RECORDS

PLAYER	M	W	L	D	T	NR	%W/P	%L/P	W:L	TOSS	%TOSS
Perry, EA	134	77	53	2	1	1	57.46	39.55	1.45 :1	77	57.46
Lanning, MM	89	44	43	2	0	0	49.44	48.31	1.02 :1	41	46.07
Villani, EJ	74	31	41	0	0	2	41.89	55.41	0.76 :1	36	48.65
Jonassen, JL	73	44	27	2	0	0	60.27	36.99	1.63 :1	38	52.05
Devine, SFM	63	32	27	2	1	1	50.79	42.86	1.19 :1	32	50.79
Bates, SW	62	33	28	1	0	0	53.23	45.16	1.18 :1	29	46.77
Blackwell, AJ	60	36	23	1	0	0	60.00	38.33	1.57 :1	34	56.67
McGrath, TM	55	32	21	2	0	0	58.18	38.18	1.52 :1	26	47.27
Short, KLH	53	34	19	0	0	0	64.15	35.85	1.79 :1	26	49.06

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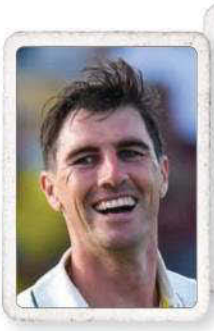
Australian cricketer Alex Carey. (PHOTO: Chris Hyde / Getty Images for Cricket Australia)



DOB
MAY 8, 1993

BORN IN
SYDNEY, NSW

TESTS
71

PAT CUMMINS

RH BAT, RA FAST

Has taken over 250 Test wickets at an average below 23, leading with precision and pace. A vocal advocate for environmental causes, he supports sustainability initiatives and has spoken out on climate issues. Lingering back soreness may see him miss the first few Tests, but he remains hopeful of an appearance later.

DOB
JUNE 2, 1989

BORN IN
SYDNEY, NSW

TESTS
119

STEVE SMITH

RH BAT, RA LEG-BREAK

With over 9500 Test runs and 32 centuries, Smith is Australia's batting genius – known for his unorthodox, yet prolific technique. A cricket obsessive, he's often seen practicing relentlessly, even during tour breaks. His leadership experience and fierce focus have cemented him as one of Australia's greatest, especially in Ashes battles.

DOB
JUNE 22, 1994

BORN IN
KLERKSDORP,
SOUTH AFRICA

TESTS
58

MARNUS LABUSCHAGNE

RH BAT, RA LEGBREAK

With 4000-plus Test runs at an average of 46.20, he is a mainstay at No.3, though he hasn't scored a Test ton in over two years. A devout Christian, he's open about his faith, often sharing how it guides his resilience. His work ethic, seen in selfless net bowling, keeps him central to the team.

DOB
DECEMBER 18, 1986

BORN IN
ISLAMABAD,
PAKISTAN

TESTS
84

USMAN KHAWAJA

LH BAT, RA MEDIUM

The elegant opener with over 6000 Test runs has faced several challenges recently, averaging 19.50 in the 2025 West Indies series. A proud advocate for cultural diversity, he's vocal about inclusion in cricket and supports community initiatives. His experience guides younger players like Sam Konstas.

DOB
JUNE 3, 1999

BORN IN
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TESTS
32

CAMERON GREEN

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

The towering all-rounder with a pair of Test centuries and 35 wickets returned from injury to score a half-century in Grenada in 2025. He is a versatile batsman who has played anywhere from 3rd to 7th in the batting order, while also proving a reliable pace bowler. A keen golfer, he's often spotted unwinding on the course.

DOB
OCTOBER 20, 1991

BORN IN
ATTADALE, WA

TESTS
46

MITCHELL MARSH

RH BAT, RA MEDIUM

With 2000-plus runs and 50 wickets, Marsh is a vital all-rounder, who is a clean striker of the ball and a tricky medium-pacer to face, using his 193cm-tall frame to get good bounce off the deck. Known for his team-first attitude, he's a vocal supporter of mental health awareness, drawing from personal experiences.

DOB
JANUARY 30, 1990

BORN IN
SYDNEY, NSW

TESTS
100

MITCHELL STARC

LH BAT, LA FAST

Boasting over 400 Test wickets at an average of 27, Starc is Australia's swing bowling spearhead, taking a career best 6/9 against the West Indies in his last Test. He is also no mug wielding the willow, racking up 16 Test 50s, with an agonising high score of 99. A family oriented player who enjoys downtime with his wife, Alyssa Healy.

DOB
JANUARY 8, 1991

BORN IN
TAMWORTH, NSW

TESTS
76

JOSH HAZLEWOOD

LH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

Hazlewood is five wickets away from taking 300 Test scalps. With an impressive average of 24.22, he is Australia's most reliable seamer, claiming 14 wickets in the 2025 West Indies series. A quiet character, he's known for his love of rural life and farming, reflecting his Tamworth roots. His precision is unmatched.

DOB
AUGUST 27, 1991

BORN IN
LOXTON, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TESTS
43

ALEX CAREY

LH BAT, WICKET-KEEPER

Carey, with over 2000 Test runs and 150-plus dismissals, is a dependable 'keeper-batsman, subbing in during the 2025 West Indies series. A former Aussie rules player, he's passionate about footy and community engagement. His cool head anchors the lower order.

DOB
DECEMBER 29, 1993

BORN IN
ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

TESTS
60

TRAVIS HEAD

LH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

With 3000-plus Test runs and an average of almost 42, Head is Australia's middle-order aggressor. He consistently gets good starts and 50s and once he gets set, tends to score big tons. A family man, he balances cricket with fatherhood. His fearless batting thrives in high-pressure series like the Ashes.

DOB
NOVEMBER 20, 1987

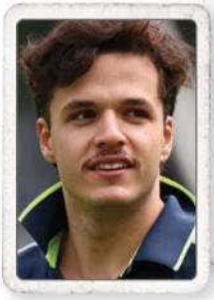
BORN IN
YOUNG, NSW

TESTS
139

NATHAN LYON

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

With 562 Test wickets, Lyon needs two more scalps to pass Glenn McGrath and become Australia's second-most prolific wicket-taker behind Shane Warne. Lyon is Australia's spin maestro, taking 110 wickets in Ashes series. A proud family man, he's often seen sharing moments with his kids on social media.



DOB
OCTOBER 2, 2005

BORN IN
KOGARAH, NSW

TESTS
5

SAM KONSTAS

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

The 19-year-old opener struggled with 50 runs at 8.33 in the 2025 West Indies series, but showed promise with a bold MCG debut against India last summer. A Sydney local, he's mentored by veterans like Khawaja, bonding over breakfast chats. His potential signals a bright future.

DOB
MARCH 24, 1990

BORN IN
GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND

TESTS: **10**
ODI: **115**
T20I: **162**

ALYSSA HEALY (C)

RH BAT, WICKET-KEEPER

Healy, with almost 3200 ODI runs, leads Australia with her fearless batting and sharp 'keeping. Married to Mitchell Starc, she's a cricket tragic who enjoys golf and supports women's sport advocacy. Her bold leadership drives the team's dominance.

DOB
NOVEMBER 10, 1995

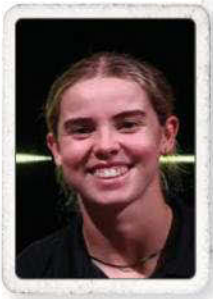
BORN IN
ADELAIDE, SA

TESTS: **7**
ODI: **46**
T20I: **56**

TAHLIA MCGRATH (VC)

RH BAT, RA MEDIUM

McGrath is strong in all three forms, but is particularly impressive in the T20 format, where she has an fantastic average of 42. A dog lover, she often shares her pet's antics online. Her calm leadership and versatility make her a cornerstone of the team.



DOB
APRIL 18, 2003

BORN IN
ORANGE, NSW

TESTS: **4**
ODI: **28**
T20I: **27**

PHOEBE LITCHFIELD

LH BAT, RA LEG-BREAK

Fast approaching 1000 ODI runs at an average of 37.29, Litchfield is Australia's young batting prodigy, known for her elegant drives. A rural NSW native, she's passionate about community engagement and youth cricket. Her poise signals a long career ahead.

DOB
AUGUST 5, 2003

BORN IN
TOOWOOMBA, QLD

TESTS: **1**
ODI: **3**
T20I: **6**

GEORGIA VOLL

RH BAT, RA OFFBREAK

An emerging batter with a strong domestic record, Voll has played just 3 ODIs and already has a century to her name and just as impressively, has two T20I 50s from just six games. A Queenslander, she's involved in local cricket development. Her determination marks her as a future star.

DOB
OCTOBER 12, 2001

BORN IN
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

TESTS: 6
ODI: 40
T20I: 45

ANNABEL SUTHERLAND

RH BAT, RA MEDIUM

Sutherland is a limited-overs star, sporting a batting average of 40 from as many ODIs and a total of 41 wickets at a terrific average of 22.48. A towering all-rounder who dominates with both the bat and ball. The daughter of a cricket administrator, she's steeped in the game and supports grassroots sport.

DOB
JANUARY 14, 1994

BORN IN
SHEPPARTON, VICTORIA

TESTS: 8
ODI: 82
T20I: 112

BETH MOONEY

LH BAT, WICKET-KEEPER

With a glorious ODI batting average of 47 after 82 games, Mooney is Australia's rock at the top, known for her consistency. A fitness enthusiast, she's often seen leading team workouts. Her understated brilliance anchors the batting order.

DOB
NOVEMBER 3, 1990

BORN IN
WAHROONGA, NSW

TESTS: 14
ODI: 155
T20I: 168

ELLYSE PERRY

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

Ellyse Perry has played 155 ODIs and sports an amazing batting average of 48, while having also taken 166 wickets at an average of 25. She is Australia's cricketing icon, excelling in all disciplines. A former soccer international, Perry is a fitness advocate and charity supporter. Her elegance and power define women's cricket.

DOB
APRIL 15, 1997

BORN IN
BANKSTOWN, NSW

TESTS: 7
ODI: 77
T20I: 96

ASHLEIGH GARDNER

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

Gardner, who recently claimed her 100th ODI wicket, is Australia's spin-bowling all-rounder, pivotal on turning pitches. A proud Indigenous Australian, she's an ambassador for cultural programs and youth sport. Her guile and grit inspire the team.

DOB
APRIL 25, 1996

BORN IN
DUBLIN, IRELAND

TESTS: 4
ODI: 56
T20I: 61

KIM GARTH

RH BAT, RA MEDIUM FAST

The seam-bowling all-rounder brings discipline to Australia's attack with tight spells. Born in Ireland, she has embraced Aussie cricket and is known for her love of travel. Her steady contributions bolster the bowling unit.

DOB
NOVEMBER 22, 1995

BORN IN
CLARINDA, VICTORIA

TESTS: 5
ODI: 37
T20I: 27

ALANA KING

RH BAT, RA LEG-BREAK

A leg-spinner with a stunning limited overs record, having snared 58 ODI wickets at an average of just under 18, and 27 T20I wickets at just under 19, King adds flair to Australia's attack. She is passionate about coaching young spinners. Her bubbly personality makes her a team favourite.

DOB
MARCH 7, 2003

BORN IN
KAPUNDA, SA

TESTS: 5
ODI: 23
T20I: 37

DARCIE BROWN

RH BAT, RA FAST

The youngster with express speed is Australia's rising bowling star, troubling batters with her bounce. A South Australian, she's involved in local sports programs. Her fiery spells have been a massive asset to the Australian T20I and ODI sides over the last five years.

DOB
MAY 26, 1999

BORN IN
TERANG, VICTORIA

TESTS: 1
ODI: 42
T20I: 69

GEORGIA WAREHAM

RH BAT, RA LEG-BREAK

The leg-spinning all-rounder brings energy with her wickets and cameos. She is just five ODI wickets short of 50 in her career, but it's in T20Is where she has made her name, claiming 71 wickets in 69 games at an average of 16.32. A keen advocate for women's cricket, she engages with fans through social media.

DOB
JUNE 4, 1991

BORN IN
CHRISTCHURCH, NZ

TESTS
115

BEN STOKES (C)

LH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

Ben Stokes, with 7000-plus runs and 230 wickets, is England's talismanic all-rounder, driving the "Bazball" era. Open about his mental health struggles, he's an advocate for wellbeing and enjoys music as a release. His inspirational captaincy fuels England's fight.

DOB
DECEMBER 30, 1990

BORN IN
SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE

TESTS
158

JOE ROOT

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

With over 13,500 Test runs and 39 centuries, Root is England's batting cornerstone, excelling in all conditions. He is also a handy part-time slow bowler with 73 wickets to his name. A Yorkshire native, he's known for his love of golf and supports local charities. His leadership and adaptability make him a "Bazball" linchpin.

DOB
JANUARY 2, 1998

BORN IN
CHELSEA, MIDDLESEX

TESTS
61

OLLIE POPE

RH BAT

Pope, with 3500-plus Test runs, is England's stylish No.3, stepping up as a 'keeper-batter in recent times. A keen surfer, he's often seen hitting the waves during his downtime. His elegant strokeplay and versatility are key to England's aggressive Test approach.

DOB
APRIL 1, 1995

BORN IN
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

TESTS
15

JOFRA ARCHER

RH BAT, RA FAST

Having already claimed 51 Test wickets, Archer returned in 2025 following injuries, troubling Australia with his pace. He is very difficult to score runs from. A Barbados-born speedster, he's passionate about gaming and music, often sharing his playlists on social media. His fiery spells and cool persona lift England's attack.

DOB
JANUARY 11, 1990

BORN IN
ASHINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND

TESTS
37

MARK WOOD

RH BAT, RA FAST

Mark Wood, with over 100 Test wickets, brings raw pace to England's bowling, though injuries limited him in 2025. A Newcastle native, he's a football fan, supporting Sunderland. His infectious energy and express speed make him a fan favourite.

DOB
SEPTEMBER 8, 1990

BORN IN
TAUNTON, SOMERSET

TESTS
57

JOS BUTTLER

RH BAT, WICKET-KEEPER

Just 93 runs shy of reaching 3000 Test runs, Buttler is England's explosive keeper-batter, known for his white-ball dominance, where he has an impressive average of 39.50. A family man, he's often seen with his kids during tour breaks. His sharp glovework adds dynamism to the Test side.

ZAK CRAWLEY

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

DOB
FEBRUARY 3, 1998

BORN IN
BROMLEY, LONDON

TESTS
59

HARRY BROOK

RH BAT, RA MEDIUM

DOB
FEBRUARY 22, 1998

BORN IN
KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE

TESTS
30

GUS ATKINSON

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

DOB
JANUARY 19, 1998

BORN IN
CHELSEA, MIDDLESEX

TESTS
13

SAM COOK

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

DOB
AUGUST 4, 1997

BORN IN
CHELMSFORD, ESSEX

TESTS
1

JOSH TONGUE

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

DOB
NOVEMBER 15, 1997

BORN IN
REDDITCH, WORCESTERSHIRE

TESTS
6

BEN DUCKETT

LH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

DOB
OCTOBER 17, 1994

BORN IN
FARNBOROUGH, KENT

TESTS
38

DOB
MARCH 8, 1989

BORN IN
PUNJAB, INDIA

TESTS: 6
ODI: 149
T20I: 182

HARMANPREET KAUR (C)

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

Kaur, who has played 149 ODIs, scoring 4000 runs and has a further 3654 runs from her 182 T20I appearances, leads India with aggressive batting and tactical nous. A Punjab native, she's passionate about promoting women's cricket and enjoys music as a stress-reliever. Her fiery leadership drives the team.

DOB
JULY 18, 1996

BORN IN
MUMBAI, INDIA

TESTS: 7
ODI: 105
T20I: 153

SMRITI MANDHANA (VC)

LH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

With over 4500 ODI runs, Mandhana is India's elegant opener, known for her cover drives. A fashion enthusiast, she's a youth icon who endorses brands and supports girls' cricket. Her poise under pressure is vital.

DOB
JANUARY 28, 2004

BORN IN
ROHTAK, INDIA

TESTS: 5
ODI: 29
T20I: 90

SHAFALI VERMA

RH BAT, RA OFF BREAK

Shafali Verma, with a Test double-century, is India's explosive opener, attacking from the first ball. At T20I level she sports a strike rate of over 130. A young star, she's vocal about her love for street food and connects with fans online. Her fearless batting energizes the team.

DOB
AUGUST 24, 1997

BORN IN
UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

TESTS: 5
ODI: 109
T20I: 129

DEEPTI SHARMA

LH BAT, RA OFF BREAK

Deepti Sharma, who has an ODI batting average of 36, along with 136 wickets at an average of 28, is India's spin-bowling all-rounder. A Uttar Pradesh native, she's known for her dedication to fitness and coaching young players. Her versatility is a team cornerstone.

DOB
SEPTEMBER 25, 1999

BORN IN
MADHYA PRADESH, INDIA

TESTS: 5
ODI: 33
T20I: 72

POOJA VASTRAKAR

RH BAT, RA MEDIUM FAST

The seam-bowling all-rounder swings the ball to trouble batters. A key member of India's T20I sides, she has 58 wickets at the superb average of 21. A fitness enthusiast, she's often seen training rigorously and supports rural sports initiatives. Her pace adds bite to India's attack.

DOB
SEPTEMBER 28, 2003

BORN IN
WEST BENGAL, INDIA

TESTS: 2
ODI: 40
T20I: 67

RICHA GHOSH

RH BAT, WICKET-KEEPER

Ghosh, the dynamic keeper-batter, brings flair behind the stumps and with the bat. A Bengal talent, she's a foodie who shares her love for local cuisine online. Her energy lifts India's lower order.

JEMIMAH RODRIGUES

RH BAT, RA OFF-BREAK

DOB
SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

BORN IN
MUMBAI, INDIA

TESTS: 3
ODI: 50
T20I: 112

SHUBHA SATHEESH

LH BAT, RA MEDIUM FAST

DOB
JULY 13, 1998

BORN IN
BANGALORE, INDIA

TESTS: 2
ODI: YET TO DEBUT
T20I: YET TO DEBUT

SNEH RANA

RH BAT, RA OFF BREAK

DOB
FEBRUARY 18, 1994

BORN IN
UTTARAKHAND, INDIA

TESTS: 4
ODI: 35
T20I: 29

RENUKA SINGH

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

DOB
JANUARY 2, 1996

BORN IN
HIMACHAL PRADESH, INDIA

TESTS: 3
ODI: 19
T20I: 54

RAJESHWARI GAYAKWAD

RH BAT, LA ORTHODOX

DOB
JUNE 1, 1991

BORN IN
KARNATAKA, INDIA

TESTS: 5
ODI: 64
T20I: 58

ARUNDHATI REDDY

RH BAT, RA FAST MEDIUM

DOB
APRIL 10, 1997

BORN IN
HYDERABAD, INDIA

TESTS: YET TO DEBUT
ODI: 9
T20I: 38

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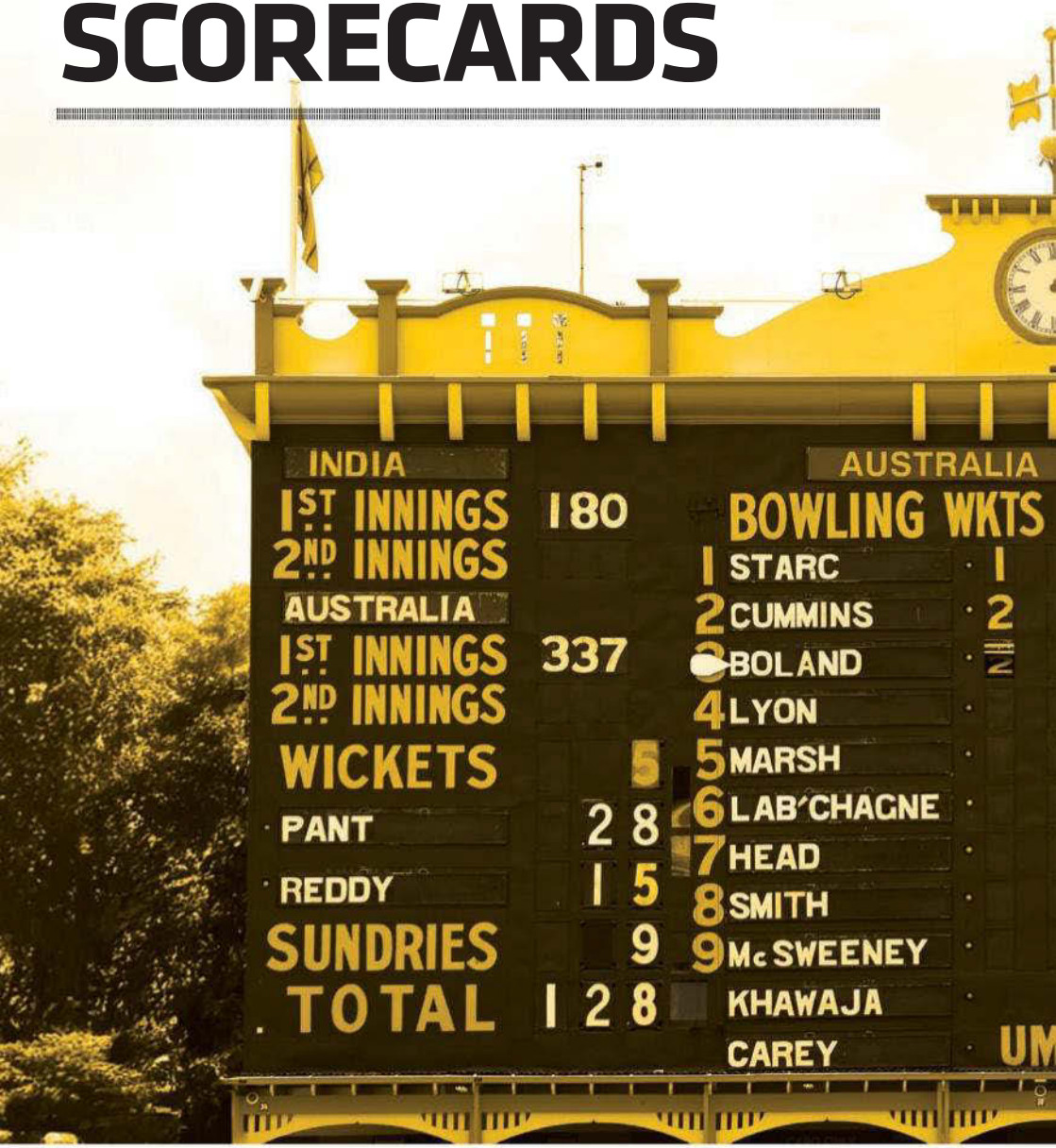

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INDIA
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3 3 JAISWAL CW 3 24 2 -- 42
3 9 KOHLI CW 3 11 3 -- 66
GILL B 1 28 4 -- 86
SHARMA B 2 6 5 -- 105
ASHWIN 6 --
RANA 7 --
BUMRAH 8 --
SIRAJ 9 --
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IPIRES ILLINGWORTH GAFFANEY

The Scoreboard before the start of play on day three of the men's Test between Australia and India at Adelaide Oval on December 08, 2024. (PHOTO: Paul Kane / Getty Images)

1st Test – Australia vs England at Perth Stadium
Nov 21 – 25, 2025

FIRST INNINGS																			
Batsman	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	
Sundries	B	LB	W	NB						B	LB	W	NB						
Overs	**TOTAL**					Time				Overs		**TOTAL**			Time				
Captains	Bowler				Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Umpires		
Wicketkeepers																	Toss		

FIRST INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB					
Overs	**TOTAL**				Time				

Stumps Scores	Bowler	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W
Day 1							
Day 2							

SECOND INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB					
Overs			**TOTAL**		Time				

Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Stumps Scores
						Day 3
						Day 4
						Day 5

MAN OF THE MATCH **RESULT**

2nd Test - Australia vs England at The Gabba (D/N) Dec 4 - 8, 2025

FIRST INNINGS											SECOND INNINGS										
Batsman	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6		How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6		
Sundries	B	LB	W	NB							B	LB	W	NB							
Overs	**TOTAL**					Time					Overs		**TOTAL**			Time					
Captains	Bowler				Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Umpires				
Wicketkeepers																	Toss				

FIRST INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB					
Overs	**TOTAL**				Time				

Stumps Scores	Bowler	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W
Day 1							
Day 2							

SECOND INNINGS

How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

B	LB	W	NB					
Overs		**TOTAL**		Time				

Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Stumps Scores
						Day 3
						Day 4
						Day 5

MAN OF THE MATCH | **RESULT**

3rd Test - Australia vs England at Adelaide Oval
Dec 17 - 21, 2025

FIRST INNINGS										SECOND INNINGS									
Batsman	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	
Sundries	B	LB	W	NB						B	LB	W	NB						
Overs	**TOTAL**					Time				Overs		**TOTAL**			Time				
Captains	Bowler				Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Umpires		
Wicketkeepers																	Toss		

FIRST INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB					
Overs	**TOTAL**				Time				

Stumps Scores	Bowler	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W
Day 1							
Day 2							

SECOND INNINGS

How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

B	LB	W	NB					
Overs		**TOTAL**		Time				

Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Stumps Scores
						Day 3
						Day 4
						Day 5

MAN OF THE MATCH **RESULT**

4th Test - Australia vs England at MCG
Dec 26 - 30, 2025

FIRST INNINGS										SECOND INNINGS									
Batsman	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	
Sundries	B	LB	W	NB						B	LB	W	NB						
Overs	**TOTAL**					Time				Overs		**TOTAL**			Time				
Captains	Bowler				Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Umpires		
Wicketkeepers																	Toss		

FIRST INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB					
Overs	**TOTAL**				Time				

Stumps Scores	Bowler	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W
Day 1							
Day 2							

MAN OF THE MATCH

SECOND INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB					
Overs			**TOTAL**		Time				

Stumps Scores	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W

Stumps Scores

Day 3

Day 4

Day 5

RESULT

5th Test - Australia vs England at SCG
Jan 4 - 8, 2026

FIRST INNINGS										SECOND INNINGS									
Batsman	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	
Sundries	B	LB	W	NB						B	LB	W	NB						
Overs	**TOTAL**					Time				Overs		**TOTAL**			Time				
Captains	Bowler				Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Umpires		
Wicketkeepers																	Toss		

FIRST INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB

Overs	TOTAL	Time

Stumps Scores	Bowler	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W
Day 1							
Day 2							

SECOND INNINGS

How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB

Overs	TOTAL	Time

Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Stumps Scores
						Day 3
						Day 4
						Day 5

MAN OF THE MATCH

RESULT

Australia Women's vs India Women's Test at WACA Ground
Mar 6 – 9, 2026

FIRST INNINGS										SECOND INNINGS									
Batsman	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	How Out				Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6	
Sundries	B	LB	W	NB						B	LB	W	NB						
Overs	**TOTAL**					Time				Overs		**TOTAL**			Time				
Captains	Bowler				Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Umpires		
Wicketkeepers																	Toss		

FIRST INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB

Overs	TOTAL	Time

Stumps Scores	Bowler	Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W
Day 1							
Day 2							

MAN OF THE MATCH

RESULT

SECOND INNINGS

Batsman	How Out	Runs	FW	Mins	Balls	4/6

Sundries	B	LB	W	NB

Overs	TOTAL	Time

Overs	Mds	Runs	Wkts	NB	W	Stumps Scores
						Day 3
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WORLD CUPS VS IPL

The T20 World Cup remains a trophy worth winning, but India's IPL sets the agenda, money and noise, writes **Callum Hill**.

World Cups matter. They are cricket's universal gatherings, presenting rare occasions when nations large and small share the same stage, when upsets inspire and where legacies are made. From India's 1983 ODI breakthrough to Australia's modern-day dominance, World Cups have shaped cricket's history. They remain the sport's purest expression of national pride and global competition.

With the Ashes done and dusted, it will be India and Sri Lanka's turn in the spotlight in February 2026 when they co-host the Men's T20 World Cup. As important to the game as it is, it can seem as though the World Cup concept is like the entree or dessert to the "main course" – the Indian Premier League.

Consider this: the 2025 IPL final drew 169 million viewers in India – more than the 166 million who tuned in for the blockbuster India–Pakistan clash at the 2021 T20 World Cup. Fans consumed a staggering 15 billion minutes of coverage during that final alone, eclipsing any World Cup match. For Australians used to celebrating seven men's World Cup triumphs (six ODI, one T20), it's confronting to see cricket's flagship tournaments continually dwarfed by a nation's domestic competition.

Stacked stadiums and endless broadcasts have turned the IPL into a commercial engine without rival. The BCCI's most recent IPL media rights auction pulled in 483.9 billion rupees (about AUD$9.2 billion) for 2023–27 – one of the richest such deals in world sport. By contrast, the ICC's entire broadcast package through 2031 fetched barely half that.

Just last year, Pat Cummins and several Australian stars were tied up in the IPL playoffs and arrived late to the 2024 World Cup campaign. We are talking about a World Cup, cricket's ultimate stage of national rivalry, yet even it must make concessions to the IPL's pull. Cricket Australia itself routinely reshuffles tours to allow its best players to cash in on the IPL window.

The T20 World Cup too often feels like an afterthought. Fans from Darwin to Perth may belt out their support in green and gold, but global sponsors and broadcasters follow the money from Nagpur to Mumbai.

Hopefully the Aussies will keep lifting trophies, but the crowd noise and commercial revenue will always be louder on the shores of the Arabian Sea when the IPL is in full flight.

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